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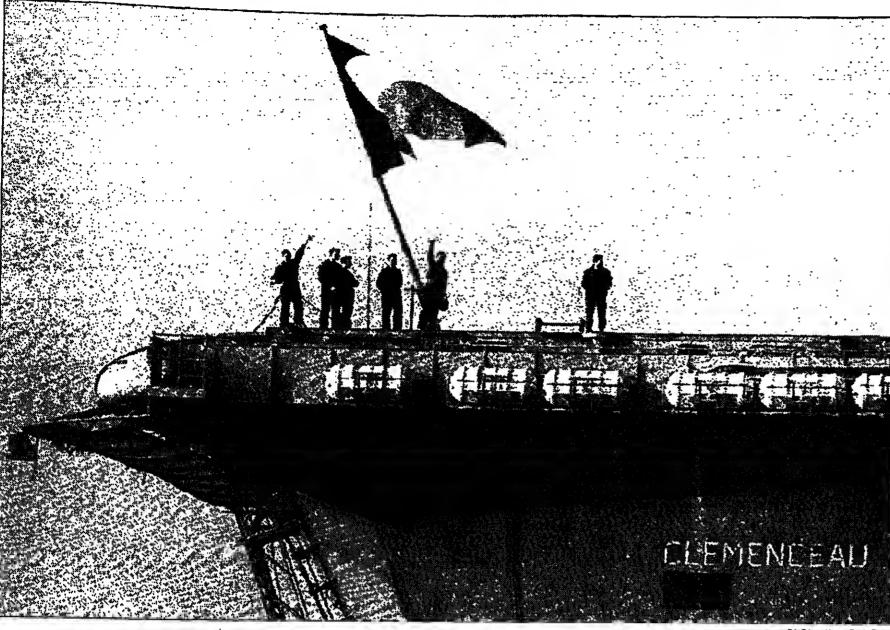
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French troops on the aircraft carrier Clemenceau as it left Toulon, France, on Thursday, bound for the Adriatic after two French soldiers were killed in Croatia this week.

*A Miscalculation for Clinton on Homosexual GIs

By Richard L. Berke New York Times Service

WASHINGTON --. President Bill Clinton's skirmish with Congress and the Pentagon over the issue of homosexuals in the military has left even strong supporters of the new president conceding that he miscalculated the political repercussions of his campaign promise from the

As a result, at a moment when he is more interested in dealing with his economic agenda, Mr. Clinton has little choice but to expend political capital with Congress in pushing ahead on an issue that neither he nor gay-rights organizations had made a high priority

Although the White House wanted a compromise with lawmakers, aides to Mr. Clinton made clear that he would not back down from his goal of reversing the ban and that he would thus avoid being attacked either for breaking another campaign pledge or for abandoning his gay constituency.

Mr. Clinton said Thursday that he was not certain when his decision on lifting or changing the ban on homosexuals in the military would be announced but that favored a six-month delay on ending the ban to give him more time to study the issue. (Page 3)

The extent of public opposition to homosex-uals in the military is impossible to judge accu-

rately. But there has been a far louder outery in the past several days on the issue than there was during the campaign.
In particular, said David Mixner, an adviser

to Mr. Clinton on gay issues during the cam-paign, the new administration never expected that the chairman of the Joint Chiefs, General Colin L. Powell, would oppose the ban with

the issue only sporadically on the trail.

Gay organizations have long demanded that

President Fires Doctor Who Balked

WASHINGTON - President Bill Clinton has dismissed the cancer specialist who served as George Bush's personal physician and will appoint his own White House doctor, officials said Thursday.

Dr. Burton J. Lee 3d said he did not know why he had been let go but that it had occurred after he refused to give Mr. Clinton an allergy shot.

White House aides said that Mr. Clinton was simply exercising his prerogative to choose his own doctor, and that the refusal of the allergy shot had nothing to do with

Dee Myers, said that Mr. Clinton had "al-

ways intended to bring in his own personal Dr. Lee, who was fiercely loyal to Mr. Bush, said be had hoped to retain his post

long enough to help career employees in his office keep jobs under Mr. Clinton's new "I knew this would bappen eventually."

Dr. Lee said he had not wanted to administer the shot until he received Mr. Clinton's medical records from Little Rock, Arkansas. The former Arkansas governor is treated regularly for allergy problems.

such intensity, although his position has long been known.

Mr. Clinton's move should have come as no surprise either to the military or to Congress: Ending the ban was firmly and consistently listed as a campaign pledge, even if he raised

"I think it's something that we almost backed into," Mr. Clinton said when asked in an interview in August about his positions on matters important to gay Americans. While he said his propor at our homosexuals in the military would frighten some Americans. frighten some Americans," he predicted that "if the American people will hear me out I have what I consider to be a basic, common-sense

What Mr. Clinton clearly did not anticipate then was that some people would try to expand his comments into a referendum on whether homosexuality is acceptable in America.

Nor did be appear to anticipate the eagerness with which Republican lawmakers seized on the issue to give him a political fight early in his

Even more important, Mr. Clinton's advisers said, the president did not anticipate the depth of outrage among Democrats in Congress and the Joint Chiefs of Staff over an issue that to them was in many ways symbolic and, on its face, less complicated than practical matters like improving the economy.

U.S. Looks Closer At Taking Offensive To Halt Balkans War

By John M. Goshko and Don Oberdorfer

Washington Post Service
WASHINGTON — In its first foray into foreign policy crisis management, the Clinton administration has expanded U.S. consideration of potential offensive actions in the Balkans civil war beyond the limited objectives pursued by the Bush administration.

U.S. officials said that the National Security Council has asked for an interagency study to assess what would happen in Bosnia-Herzegovina and other parts of the former Yugoslavia it U.S. policy remained unchanged. It also asked how much military force would be required to lift the long-standing Serbian siege of Bosnia's capital. Sarajevo, and to open the roads to unrestricted passage of relief supplies throughout the republic.

The study, described by an official as "a comprehensive, wall-to-wall approach" to every aspect of the Balkans conflict, includes taking a new look at ideas considered by the Bush administration.

These include such options as shooting down Serbian aircraft invading the air-exclusion zone that the United Nations has decreed over Bos-nia, bombing Serbian airfields and artillery positions, modifying the United Nations arms embargo to enable Bosnia's Muslim-controlled government to obtain more weapons, using UN peacekeeping forces to prevent Serb-inspired aggression from spreading to Kosevo and Macedonia and establishing an international war crimes commission to identify and deal with perpetrators of atrocities.

But, the officials added, the unusually broad list of questions and options that were sent to the State and Defense departments and the Central Intelligence Agency suggested that the new administration was willing at least to con-sider a greatly expanded U.S. and international role in the Balkans.

[Secretary of State Warren M. Christopher cautioned on Thursday against expecting a quick decision by the administration on policy toward the war in the former Yugoslavia, Reu-

toward the war in the former Yugoslavia, Keuters reported from Washington.

[Speaking after a first White House meeting to review options for a new U.S. approach, he said: "We had a good discussion of those options. There is a very wide range." But he urged reporters to "lower your expectations in terms of timing" on a decision.]

During the presidential campaign, Mr. Clinton called for a more activist approach to the

ton called for a more activist approach to the Balkan conflict. Mr. Christopher, after a meeting with the House Foreign Affairs Committee Wednesday, recalled Mr. Clinton's campaign remarks and said that Bosnia "does seem to be a place where the United States needs to be activist and internationalist in our outlook."

However, Mr. Clinton may be inhibited, as was President George Bush before him, by the reluctance of Britain, France and Russia which, like the United States, are permanent members of the UN Security Council - to

agree to tougher measures.

Bosnia's chief UN delegate, Mohammed Sacirbey, accused the Bush administration of making "a halfhearted effort" to deal with the crisis as the inauguration neared. Mr. Sacirbey said Clinton administration officials left the impression that "we should not be disappoint-

ed" by the results of their policy review.

In Congress, a nonhinding resolution being circulated called for stronger U.S. action in the Balkans, including the use of military air power to enforce the air-exclusion zone over Bosnia.

Overextended, Serbs May Be Vulnerable

By Peter Maass ington Post Service

LONDON — Independent military ob-servers say that the Serbian forces that have seized large parts of Croatia and Bosnia may be overextended and vulnerable to a rollback.

As a new outbreak of fighting rages across the former Yugoslavia, the Serbs are no longer involved on just one front, but instead are engaged on several. Instead of facing little opposition, the Serbs are now facing more organized forces. Instead of commercial of contractions of commercial of contractions of contractions of contractions of contractions. stead of conquering territory, the Serbs have now lost a little ground.

"They were never invincible," said Mi-chael Clarke, director of the Center for Defense Studies bere, "As time goes on,

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the job they're trying to do gets more difficult and messy. Mr. Clarke said he believed that the Serbs had fallen into the classic predicament of conquering more territory than

they could hold.

Their army is really not very good at fighting," be said. "They're good at sitting in the hills and lobbing shells at critics." But they're not good infantry troops,"

Nobody is predicting that Serbian fighters in Croatia and Bosnia will run for the hills in the coming months. There are too many of them, they are well armed and they are backed by the still-powerful Yu-

goslav National Army. What's happening, experts say, is that a hrutal, one-sided romp has turned into more of a too-to-toe battle in which the momentum could start moving against the overextended Serbs.

One way to preserve their gains would be to negotiate for a peace agreement. That appears to be the main reason why Serbia's president, Slobodan Milosevic. viewed in Western capitals as the prime instigator of the warfare, has given his support to a United Nations-sponsored

peace plan being negotiated in Geneva But due to the shifting battlefield fortunes, the Bosnian president, Alija Izetbegovic, has become reluctant to accept the UN plan, which gives the Serbs de facto control of large chunks of his ravaged country. The plan calls for Bosnia to be split into 10 autonomous regions, with 42 percent of the territory dominated by Serbs.

Mr. Izetbegovic is being told by his See SERBS, Page 2

New fighting threatens a vital dam near the Croatian coast. Page 2.

U.S. Draws a Line in Trade Disputes

An Invitation to Miyazawa Is Tied to Progress by Japan

By Jim Mann

Michael H. Armacost, the U.S. ambassador to Japan, told Japanese

officials in Tokyo earlier this month that there was no point in Mr. Miyazawa's traveling to Washington for an early get-together with Mr. Clinton as long as he has nothing specific to offer.

Instead, the ambassador suggested, Japan should first take some action, such as a tax cut, in stimulate its economy, an action that would bolster domestic demand and, thus, Japanese imports of American

White House and State Department officials have confirmed the substance of Mr. Armacost's message and acknowledged that it represents the substance of Mr. Armacost's message and acknowledged that it represents the substance of Mr. Armacost's message and acknowledged that it represents the substance of Mr. Armacost's message and acknowledged that it represents the substance of Mr. Armacost's message and acknowledged that it represents the substance of Mr. Armacost's message and acknowledged that it represents the substance of Mr. Armacost's message and acknowledged that it represents the substance of Mr. Armacost's message and acknowledged that it represents the substance of Mr. Armacost's message and acknowledged that it represents the substance of Mr. Armacost's message and acknowledged that it represents the substance of Mr. Armacost's message and acknowledged that it represents the substance of Mr. Armacost's message and acknowledged that it represents the substance of Mr. Armacost's message and acknowledged that it represents the substance of Mr. Armacost's message and acknowledged that it represents the substance of Mr. Armacost's message and acknowledged that it represents the substance of Mr. Armacost's message and acknowledged that it represents the substance of Mr. Armacost's message and acknowledged the substance of Mr. Armacost's sented the official American viewpoint. The White House asserted Thursday, however, that it had set no

conditions for a summit meeting with Japan but that the large trade deficit with Tokyo was of concern to the new administration, Agence France-Presse reported from Washington.

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American Aide Urges Halt To Foreign Steel Subsidies

By Paul F. Horvitz

WASHINGTON — In a demonstration of the Clinton administration's strikingly cool stance toward Japan, American officials have served notice that Prime Minister Kiichi Miyazawa should not expect to meet with the new president until after Japan takes concrete steps to meet with the new president until after Japan takes concrete steps to help ease the huge trade imbalance between the two countries.

Conficials of steel-producing nations in Europe and Asia sharply help ease the huge trade imbalance between the two countries.

Commerce to impose punitive tariffs on imported steel.

Japan's Ministry for International Trade and Industry called the action "deeply regrettable" and said "the real problems of the U.S. steel

action "deeply regrettable" and said "the real problems of the U.S. steel industry stem largely from domestic causes."

But a spokesman for the new U.S. trade representative, Mickey Kantor, said Thursday: "The way to solve this problem is for foreign governments to halt subsidies and foreign producers to halt dumping."

The spokesman, who asked that her name not be used, also suggested that multilateral steel talks in Geneva, which are currently inactive, are the proper forum for further discussion of the issue.

Acked about threats by foreign governments to take their concerns to

Asked about threats by foreign governments to take their concerns to the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade, Mr. Kantor's aide said: "An excellent long-term solution would be through negotiation of a multilateral steel agreement."

The issue appears to be President Bill Clinton's first major trade dispute. But his new Commerce secretary, Ronald H. Brown, took care See STEEL, Page 14.

Amsterdam Car Ban: Will It Backfire?

By Marlise Simons

New York Times Service AMSTERDAM - Even for a city that relishes the social experiment, this city's plan for a new urban lifestyle may appear unusually radical. Amsterdam wants to be the first major European city that virtually banishes

the car from its heart. Wall-to-wall traffic, noise and fumes in the stovepine streets and stiff gridlocks on the canal bridges have brought on the decision. The present image of the automobile here is approximately that of a leech on the body of

the community. "For years the city was forced to adapt to cars," said Rob Pistor, a city official and one of the plan's chief strategists. "Cars will now have to adapt to the city."

Starting this year, a step-by-step plan aims

initially to make life as unpleasant as possible for motorists who insist on nudging their way around the city's inner ring of canals. Cars will be squeezed off the streets by wider sidewalks and new bicycle lanes, and parking spaces will be cut back sharply. In later stages, all nonvital traffic is to be banned.

While the plan has wide backing from frustrated residents, business groups warn that what may be a victory for the quality of life could bring on the decline if not the collapse of economic life in the inner city.

The Amsterdam experience, experts say, will serve as a test case for other cities because the competition between man and machine is slowly shifting in favor of the beleaguered pedestrian across Western Europe. What began as a modest trend in many cities to close off the occasional shopping street is growing into a movement of larger car-free zones.

Medieval town centers, once built for people on foot and a few carts and carriages, have partly reverted to strollers who in the past were rattled by congestion and noise. Leicester, Cologne, Prague, Strasbourg and Turin, to name just a few cities, have set aside central squares and streets that bug the town hall or the cathedral for pedestrians only.

What is remarkable about Amsterdam is that while it has one of the largest and most intensely used historic city centers of Europe, its plan to curtail traffic is more radical than that of any other regional capital Moreover. the city held a nonbinding referendum last March - the first in Amsterdam's history in which almost 53 percent of the voters

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Kiosk

IRA BLAST AT HARRODS WOUNDS 4 - A small bomb exploded near an entrance to Harrods in London on Thursday, slightly wounding four people waiting for the department store to open for a sale. The Irish Republican Army took responsibility for the blast. An IRA bombing there nine years ago killed six people.

Stray Shot Kills Paris Envoy in Zaire

ABIDIAN, Ivory Coast (AP) — France's ambassador to Zaire was killed Thursday. office in the city center. Mr. Bernard had apparently by a suray bullet, as soldiers rioted and looted shops and foreigners' homes in Kinshasa, the Zairian capital. The French Foreign Ministry said in a statement that Ambassador Philippe Beraccept.

assumed his post only last month. The soldiers went on a lnoting rampage

after being paid with new 5 million zaire

bank notes, which husinesses are refusing to

Bundesbank Chief Bearish Again on Rate Cut

The Bundesbank president, Helmut said rates had to remain "comparatively Schlesinger, on Thursday eroded hopes of a high" because Western German inflation German interest-rate cut anytime soon. He around 4 percent was too high. Page 11.

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Israeli Court **Votes to Uphold Deportations**

By Clyde Haberman New York Times Service

JERUSALEM - In a decision carrying immediate implications for Israel's diplomatic standing and for the future of the Middle East peace talks, the Israeli High Court of Justice on Thursday unanimously validated the deporta-tion of 415 Palestinians from the occupied territories to Lebanon.

Although the seven justices expressed reservations about some aspects of the government action, they declared the mid-December mass expulsions to be legitimate and rejected appeals to bring the Palestinians back. The ruling, welcomed by the government and denounced by Palestinian leaders and Arab states, is likely to put Israel on a collision course

with the United Nations Security Council,

which has condemned the deportations as a violation of international law.
For Israeli leaders, a dominant question now is whether they can avoid UN sanctions, especially after Secretary-General Butros Butros Ghali recommended earlier this week that the

council take "whatever measures are required" to enforce its demand that the banished Palestinians he returned. Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, saying the court decision gave him "a good feeling," expressed renewed confidence that the Clinton

administration would block any attempt to "It's hard for me to believe that an administration and president in the United States wouldn't fight against sanctions," Mr. Rabin said. He said such opposition had been U.S.

policy "for 35 years or more." The Clinton administration urged the Security Council to defer consideration of sanctions against Israel, and the State Department again insisted that diplomacy rather than a fractious council debate was the best approach, The Associated Press reported from Washington.

I'We want to make sure we do everything we can do to hring the parties together," said George Stephanopoulos, the White House spokesman. He called any consideration of a U.S. veto "hypothetical" but declined to rule it

[The State Department spokesman, Richard A. Boucher, declined to evaluate the ruling. "] See ISRAEL, Page 4

It's Time to Discuss A Successor to Kohl, Aide in Saxony Says

By Stephen Kinzer
New York Times Service

BERLIN — A leading politician from Eastern Germany has upset the country's political establishment by suggesting that it is time to discuss a successor to Chancellor

The suggestion came from Heinz Eggert, interior minister of the state of Saxony, who is a deputy chairman of Mr. Kohl's Christian Democratic Union. He won his party post in an upset last year, against the chancellor's wishes.

Coming at a time when Mr. Kohl is besieged by problems, the sug-gestion evidently touched a nerve. "Eggert, the brave but unwel-

come man from the East, is saying what many others are thinking, the Berliner Morgenpost said Tues-day in an editorial.

Partly in response to the current disquiet, Mr. Kohl called party leaders together for a special meeting Tuesday. But when he was asked whether he was willing to discuss a possible successor, he curtly replied, "That is not a topic."

German Gypsies Seek Bonn's Aid Against Exclusion Against Exclusion Against Exclusion Seek Bonn's Aid

BONN - Gypsies who survived the Nazis' Auschwitz extermination camp told President Richard von Weizsäcker on Thursday that, 50 years after the war, they were still forced to live on the margins of

We are still shut out in many walks of life," said the leader of Germany's Sinti and Roma community, Romani Rose, as he gave Mr. Weizsäcker books containing the names of about 20,000 gypsies who died in the camp during World War II and 2,000 who survived.

We urge politicians to do more to involve all minorities in public life and to give them clearer support," he said.

Mr. Rose, who was born after the war, led a group of eight Auschwitz survivors for the reception to mark the 60th anniversary this weekend

of Hitler's seizure of power. He said the 70,000-member Sinti and Roma community in Germany was witnessing with horror the rise in anti-foreigner violence. Mr. Rose told Mr. Weizsäcker that his people wanted to be mentioned in the constitution as a German ethnic group and protected as a minor-

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steadily, and this week a poll taken by the Forsa Institute indicated that only 24 percent of Germans want him to remain in office, down from 28 percent last week.

No imminent threat to Mr. Kohl's power is visible, however. Over the years he has defeated all challenges within his own party and has politically crushed several figures who were considered possi-ble successors. The rival Social Democratic Party, struggling with internal dissent, does not have the strength to force him from power.

Nonetheless, Mr. Kohl is under more pressure now than at any time since he took office in 1982. Many Germans marvel that the leader who so deftly managed reunification less than three years ago has not been able to lead the country more inspirationally.

The debate was set off by an interview with Mr. Eggert that appeared Monday in Focus, a new newsmagazine. He said that discussing Mr. Kohl's successor was "not dangerous, but necessary."

There must be other people besides the present chancellor who could be trusted to assume this position at any time," Mr. Eggert said. "No one is irreplaceable

He also suggested that the offices

By so bluntly pointing out Mr. Kohl's political mortality, Mr. Eggert broke a taboo that leaders of the Christian Democratic Union have long observed. Until now, no leader has publicly been willing even to speculate that there might be a future without Mr. Kohl.

In recent months the chancellor has been harshly criticized for failing to respond more energetically to neo-Nazi attacks or to produce a long-term plan for absorbing Germany's poor Eastern states. Critics also said his lack of leadership was partly to hlame for the long stalemates over asylum policy and possible use of German troops in for-

eign peacekeeping missions. Mr. Kohl said he intended to run for re-election in 1994, and he has

already begun campaigning. "The message that Kohl got from George Bush's defeat was that you have to start running early," a foreign diplomat said. "He's started showing up at every state party convention. He gives a stump speech, saying that the party may be bleeding now, but that this was all part of his calculation, and that things will look much better by election time. His problem is that more and more people are wonder-ing how that is going to happen."



A woman in Sarajevo protesting outside the presidential offices Thursday with a photo of her son, who she says was one of 170 Bosnian soldiers arrested for attempting to join Croatian forces.

UN Chief Weighs Croatia Pullout

By Paul Lewis

New York Times Service
UNITED NATIONS, New York — Secretary-General Butros Butros Ghali has warned the Security Council that the fighting in Croatia has placed "the entire peace process in the region in jeopardy" and might lead him to recommend pulling out the peacekeepers deployed there when their mandate expires in three weeks.

The secretary-general called the positions of the Serbs and Croats "mutually unreconcilable" and said there was an "extremely high" risk of a serious increase in the fighting that broke out between them in Croatia on Jan. 22.

The council responded by issuing a statement calling for an immediate halt to the fighting and threatening "further steps" if its order were not complied with - a clear warning it would then consider trade sanctions against Croatia, as Russia has already proposed.

The United States said Thursday that withdrawal of all UN peacekeepers from Croatia would probably broaden the conflict, Reuters reported from Washington.

("We can understand the frustrations of the secretary-general with the situation and the danger that the UN troops have been facing out there," the State Department spokesman, Richard A. Boucher, said, adding that a total withdrawal "would just likely end up broadening the conflict."]

Under the peace plan prepared by Mr. Butros Ghali's special envoy to the Balkans, Cyrus R. Vance, and accepted by all the parties just over a year ago, the UN peacekeeping force is protecting the Serbian enclaves that make up about a third of

But the United Nations has had little success in carrying out its task of disaruring Serbian militias there and supervising the return of Croatian refu-gees who fled their homes. Meanwhile, the Serbs have further provoked Croatia by proclaiming their enclaves an independent Serbian state.

As a result, the Croatian government of President Franjo Tudiman is under pressure from hardline nationalists and the military to send its own armed forces into the areas to impose the terms of the so-called Vance plan themselves.

1957 Atomic Disaster Site in Urals Remains Contaminated and Unsafe

By Fred Hiatt Washington Post Service

where in 1957 a disaster caused thousands of casualties, remains contaminated and a potential hazard, according to Russian officials.

Vasili Voznyak, releasing new details about the catastrophe and resulting illnesses, said that radioactive waste equivalent to "20 Cbernobyls" remains stored around the plant near Chelyabinsk. Mr. Voznyak, head of a committee to study the consequences of nucle-ar accidents, said some of the waste remained in unsafe conditions.

"Of course, not all of this can explode at once tomorrow," he said. But he added that there were

MOSCOW - The site of one of the Soviet Union was racing to the world's most serious and most match the United States by buildsecret nuclear accidents, a plutoniing bombs. Radioactive waste was forced the resettlement of 7,500 um plant in the Ural Mountains simply dumped into local rivers, and left some riverbanks contami-

G-7 Backs Fund For Nuclear Safety

BONN - Leading industrial nations, fearing another Chernobylstyle nuclear disaster, have completed plans for a \$700-million fund to improve safety at reactors in Eastern Europe, officials said Thursday.

Officials who took part in nearly six months of German-led talks by experts from the Group of Seven ments was expected.

years, from the start of construc- which were used by villages for tion in 1948 through 1951, when drinking water and farming. Mr. Voznyak said.

This affected 124,000 people,

The second, most serious event occurred in 1957, when nuclear wastes exploded, releasing 2 million curies over a buge territory. This accident led to the resettlement of 10,700 people, he said, al-though none were told why and no news was released.

Finally, a 1967 drought dried nearby Lake Karachai, which had been used as an atomie dump, allowing wind to spread radioactive waste over a huge territory, he said.

Altogether, Mr. Voznyak said, 450,000 people were subjected to radioactive contamination from the three incidents. At least 50,000 received significant doses, and about 1,000 became sick with lcukemia," he said. But secrecy and lack of adequate follow-up make it impossible to measure casualties

ported by the dissident Soviet scientist Zhores A. Medvedev in 1976. He was greeted with skepticism even in the West, and Soviet officials acknowledged only later that something took place.

New Clash Threatens Vital Dam In Croatia

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispo ZADAR, Croatia — Fighting erupted on a new front Thursday in Croatia, threatening a dam under United Nations control, and a weak cease-fire between Muslim and Croatian forces in Bosnia disintegrated.

Croatian forces claimed to have

captured the strategic Peruca dam, but said retreating Serbian troops had set off three demolition mines at key points, threatening the strucinre with collapse.

In Bosnia, a spokesman for Croatian Defense Council forces said

at least 10 Croatian soldiers were killed after fierce fighting resumed in the mixed Croatian-Muslim town of Busovaca. The Muslims attacked with tanks," the spokesman said. "We're

now trying to negotiate another truce. But we're really just going around in circles."

There were these related developments Thursday:

• The UN secretary-general, Bu-tros Butros Ghali, called for a meeting between North Atlantic Treaty Organization officials and UN peacekeepers to discuss enforcing the no-flight zone over Bos-nia, diplomats said in Brussels. Mr. Butros Ghali proposed the talks in response to a plan drawn up by the 16 NATO nations for stopping Serbian warplanes from flying over Bosnia-Herzegovina in defiance of the UN han.

• UN peacekeepers rescued a dozen French soldiers trapped be-tween Serbian and Croatian lines in the Krajina region, the French Defense Ministry said. Additionally. Serbian rebels in the Krajina be attained if approached in a cautious and realistic manner," said Ryn enclave freed 11 of 21 UN civilian Suk Yul, a research fellow at the Institute for Foreign Affairs and National Security. The report was based on a study done two years after Germany's reunification, trying to learn from the mistakes and prevent police officers held since Sunday in a town under Croatian artillery fire. A UN spokeswoman said the others would be released Friday.

 A Yugoslav flotilla carrying thousands of tons of fuel reached Serbia despite intensified efforts to end sanctions-busting on the Dan-ube River, officials said. Romania and Bulgaria, which share responsibility for monitoring a key stretch of the international waterway, are resisting U.S. pressure to use force to stop the barges from violating the sanctions.

Both governments say they are ready to enforce the embargo but not at the risk of a war.

"Shall we kill the crew? How about our responsibility to the Serbs? It is not a good idea to provoke a Balkan war by sinking ships in the Danube." Prime Minister Lyben Berov of Bulgaria said Wednesday.

The surge in fighting in Croatia threatened peace talks on Bosnia taking place in Geneva under UN and European Community auspices. A spokesman, Fred Eckhard, because of the latest clashes.

The Croatian Army is trying to regain territory Serbs refused to cede in accordance with the UNbrokered truce that ended a sixmonth civil war in Croatia one year ago. The fighting near the Croatian coast began Friday with a Croatian offensive into areas supposedly under UN protection. Serbian militias launched a fierce counterattack on Wednesday.

Amtrak introduced its high-speed passenger train on a Washington-New York test run in preparation for regular service next week. The railroad will begin regular schedules between Washington, New York and New Haven, Connecticut, on Monday for three months, using the Swedish "tilt" train capable of 155 miles per hour (250 kpb). (AP) Now, fighting is concentrated along the edges of a mainly Serbpopulated crescent of western Croatia known as Krajina.

The latest clash occurred on the new front, about 65 kilometers (40 miles) from any previous fighting. The Peruca dam, 35 kilometers north of the Adriatic port of Split, is vital to the southern coast's electricity supply.

The dam was taken by Serbs during Croatia's six-month Serb-Croat war in 1991. In September, UN peacekeepers took it over from Serbian militiamen because it was deemed strategically important.

woman in question but said sugges-tions of an "association" are base-

The New Statesman quoted the

woman as saying: "I'm sorry but I

(AP, Reuters)

PARIS - Dr. Luc Montagnier, who discovered the virus that was

later identified as causing AIDS, on Thursday announced the creation of a private foundation aimed at turning laboratory experiments and even far-fetched theories into therapies.

By Barry James

French AIDS Expert

Breaks New Ground

He said some of the avenues being explored give reasonable hope of extending the period between infection with the burnan immunodeficiency virus, or HIV, and the onset of AIDS from today's

maximum of 10 years to 15 or 20 years.

"We can no longer depend on governments and international organizations," Dr. Montagnier said. "We must move faster and do

"The scientific knowledge and theories are there, but they haven't yet been tested sufficiently to produce a cure or a vaccine," he said.

yet been tested sufficiently to produce a cure or a vaccine," he said. "We're in a position similar to the one in the United States, on the eve of the development of the atomic bomb."

He announced the establishment of the World Foundation for Research and Prevention of AIDS, which he co-founded with Federico Mayor Zaragoza, director-general of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization.

Dr. Montagnier said the immediate aim of the foundation was 10 Dr. Montagnier said the immediate aim of the foundation was to

establish three clinical research centers, in France, Africa and the United States, where new therapeutic methods can be tested on HIV-

United States, where new therapeutic methods can be tested of the positive patients.

Bernard Kouchner, the French health minister, said the first center would be opened in Paris this year.

Each center will cost about 60 million francs to establish, with annual operating costs of about about 50 million.

The foundation also plans to finance research into other viruses that act in commercion with the HIV virus to speed the

and bacteria that act in conjunction with the HIV virus to speed the Arguing that relatively little has been done for patients in the 10 years since the discovery of the virus, Dr. Montagnier said, "The moment has come to move from the laboratory to the clinic and

Dr. Jonathan Mann, head of the Global Aids Policy Coalition in Boston, welcomed the initiative, saying the existing fight against

Boston, welcomed the initiative, saying the existing fight against AIDS had become too bureaucratic.

"Too often today, people are defining effectiveness in AIDS programs in terms of things like getting their annual report in on time," he said. "It is thus really critical that some of the key figures in AIDS stand up like Luc Montagnier is and say, 'Let's remember that we are here to find a cure. And let's ask ourselves what will it take

and let's get going again'."

Although a vaccine or cure for the disease is nowhere in sight, Dr. Montagnier said it was realistic to expect an improvement in the time

Montagnier said it was reaustic to expect an improvement in the nine an HIV-positive person can live without symptoms. He said a symptom-free period of up to 20 years was achievable. Up to now, he said, the main thrust of AIDS research had been concentrated on the HIV virus itself, rather on the immunological



Major to Sue Over Rumors of Infidelity

LONDON - Prime Minister John Major said Thursday that he was fling a lawsuit against two British magazines that repeated ru-mors that he had an extramarital affair.

Lawyers for Mr. Major began action against the leftist weekly New Statesman and Society and the magazine Scallywag in an effort to squash the rumors.

"The prime minister has today instructed solicitors Biddle and Co. to issue writs for libel against the New Statesman and Society and Scallywag," his office said.

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Steve Platt, editor of the New former reporter for the News of the Statesman, insisted the magazine had no intention of libeling Mr. Major, 49, but the New Statesman article was masthead says it is published by ments of what has been reported. will contest it vigorously." It was, he said, a story about press coverage of rumors and ru-

mor-mongering in politics, not about Mr. Major himself. Simon Regan, editor and pub-lisher of Scallywag, said he was confident of winning and that there

Politicians denounced publica-tion of the rumors. The British firmed that Mr. Major knows the press is already under fire over intrusion into the privacy of the royal

family and others. was "worse to come." "If they persist in this writ, then they must be prepared to take on our evidence," said Mr. Regan, a

It was believed to be the first libel action by a prime minister since Harold Wilson sued a pop group over a record promotion in 1967.

Other publications have hinted

can't talk to anyone about it. The whole thing is just ridiculous be-

SERBS: Signs of Vulnerability Amid New Fighting (Continued from page 1) military commanders that they can The shifting fortunes were illus-

cially if there is some form of Western intervention. The Bosnian leader can opt to walk away from the Geneva negotiations, accusing the United Nations of appeasing Serbi-an aggression, although he would do so at the price of more misery

for his people. mained largely dormant. The Croats have used the time to assem-

trated last weekend when the Crowin the war or, at the least, make it unwinnable for the Serbs — espeline and attacked Serbian rebels in Krajina.

Diplomats in Geneva said the Muslim-led Bosnian Army had be-

gun in recent months to purchase arms on the international black market with funding from friendly Muslim nations. The new, more-For the past year, the war between Serbs and Croats has remained largely decrease. nians to begin scoring successes against the Serbs after nine months ble a proper army and acquire de- of losses. The still-outgunned Boscent weapons, despite the UN emnians, hemmed into Sarajevo and bargo on all arms shipments to the several other enclaves, are not on

"Little by little, the situation has changed," said Mustafa Hairulaho-vic, a Bosnian commander based in UN mediators in Geneva said

Mr. Izetbegovic's stiffer attitude at the peace talks was based on the prospect of increased arms deliver-ies and the possibility of foreign intervention. The Muslims believe they have momentum on the ground and in Western public opinion, diplomats suggested, to win a better deal by seeing the negotiations collapse.

Independent military strategists emphasize that heavy weapons are not enough to hold captured terribargo on all arms shipments to the several other enclaves, are not on tory. The Serbs, they say, do not former Yugoslav republics, and the verge of chasing the Serbian have enough soldiers to defend they now feel capable of taking on fighters into Serbia, but they have their front lines against well-orgastarted recapturing lost territory. nized opposition.

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WORLD BRIEFS

Language an Issue in Kazakh Charter

ALMA-ATA, Kazakhstan (Renters) — Parliament adopted Kazakhstan's first constitution as an independent state on Thursday, despite

fears that articles dealing with language rights could alienate the buge

Kazakh legislators, who hold a majority in parliament despite repre-

senting less than half the population, overrode complaints by Russian legislators. Lawmakers approved articles of the constitution making Kazakh the official state language and ruling that the state president has to have a fluent command of the language. Few Russians, who make up to have a fluent command of the language.

10 have a frient command of the language, rew Russians, who have up 39 percent of the republic's population of 17 million, speak Kazakh.

The new constitution, however, gives special status to Russian as "the social language between peoples." It describes Kazakhstan as a "democratic, secular and unitary state" and grants full rights to all citizens.

Clashes in Angola as Talks Continue

LUANDA (Renters) — Angolan government troops and rebels with the National Union for the Total Independence of Angola, or UNITA, fought in central and southern Angola on Thursday as their representa-

tives met in Ethiopia to discuss a cease-fire in their renewed civil war.

Diplomats and state radio reported intense fighting in Menongue

in Huambo, UNITA's headquarters in the central highlands about 500 kilometers (300 miles) southeast of Luanda.

the two sides began talks on ending the conflict, which erupted after UNITA rejected the results of September elections and began to expel local authorities from two-thirds of towns across the country. Margaret

Anstee, the UN representative at the talks, said that the negotiations had

Falkland War Crimes? Inquiry Starts

LONDON (Reuters) - British detectives will go to the Falkland

Two detectives from Scotland Yard will arrive on the south Atlantic

islands Feb. 2 for a four-day visit. "A prime purpose of the trip is to liaise with local authorities," a spokesman said.

They will question islanders and the possibility of exhuming the bodies of prisoners of war will also be examined. Detectives have already

interviewed serving and former British paratroopers. Allegations that Argentine prisoners of war were executed were published last year in a

SEOUL (NYT) - South Korea's Finance Ministry has issued a report

This is the first government report which is saying remification can

Estimated reunification cost for South Korea is considered to be too

great a burden, since the country's gross national product is only \$280

billion, one-fifth of West Germany's at the time of unification. The report

suggests a much more restrictive unification process, which includes

initially limiting travel between the two sides to those families separated

Guumen in Istanbul fired at a prominent Jewish businessman, Jak Kamhi, who escaped unharmed. Mr. Kamhi heads a foundation com-

memorating the 500th anniversary of the Jews' arrival in Turkey. (AP)

TRAVEL UPDATE

Tower Bridge in London will close in April for repairs. The 99-year-old

neo-Gothie drawbridge spanning the Thames has suffered extensive

corrosion. The work is expected to be completed by the end of July. (AP)

Nairobi's airport was closed Thursday when a cargo plane became disabled and blocked the runway, officials said. Outgoing flights were canceled and incoming international flights were diverted to the port city

Air Lanka grounded its new Airbus A-320 aircraft for four days on the

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advice of the manufacturer of the plane's engines but cleared it for takeoff

Airbus A-320, which was delivered Jan. 10, from the service since

Monday following a directive issued by International Aero Engines, a

China's Yunnan Airlines opened an international route Wednesday with a weekly round-trip charter flight to Singapore. Yunnan, which serves 37 points in China, used a Boeing 737 from Kunming in southwest China, Singapore's Civil Aviation Authority announced.

Taiwan's Eva Airways hopes to begin service between Taipei and London by late March following announcement of a landing rights agreement between Taiwan and Britain, the company said. (Bloomberg)

of Mombasa. The airport was expected to reopen Friday.

saying if South Korea was forced to absorb the North Korean economy by the year 2000, unification would cost \$980 billion, the highest

Seoul Puts a Price on Reunification

book by a former member of a paratroop regiment.

the same from happening on the Korean Peninsula.

government estimate given so far.

by the Korean War.

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spokesman said in Sri Lanka.

Islands next week to investigate allegations that Argentine soldiers were victims of war crimes by British troops during the 1982 war, the police

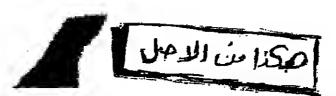
In the Ethiopian capital, Addis Ababa, middle-level delegations from

capital of southern Cuando Cubango Province, and tensions in central Kwanza Sul Province. Diplomats believed heavy clashes were continuing

Russian minority.

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FIRST 100 DAYS / THE DEFENSE ISSUES

Clinton Now Favors Delay in Revoking Ban on Gay Troops

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches Bill Clinton said Thursday that he propriate to separate homosexuals favored delaying plans to end the from heterosexuals if the ban was ban on homosexuals in the military lifted. for six months to give him more time to stody the issue.

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able questions before us." and that sion on lifting or changing the ban would be announced. But he did say that "people should be disqualifed from serving in the military based on something they do not be a something the bar and they are a something they are a something the bar and they are a something the bar and they are a something they are a something the bar and they are a something the something they are a something they are a something the something the something the something they are a something the something the something th lifed from serving in the military based on something they do, not based on who they are."

He made his comments at a photo session at the White House. Earlier Thursday, ao administration official said legal proceedings to suspend avowed homosexuals would be put in abeyance pending

Mr. Clinton's decision. But the official said the military could continue prosecuting cases concerning sexual conduct that it outlaws, such as sodomy.

"You won't ask the question; cases will be suspended: nobody will be discharged on the basis of status, for being gay," the official added, insisting on anonymity.

Dee Dee Myers, the president's press secretary, said Thursday that there were "a lot of details that need to be worked out, but he's committed to lifting the ban." She added that Mr. Clinton had asked Defense Secretary Les Aspin to meet again with top uniformed leaders before any announcement Thursday.

Miss Myers said that there was broad agreement that recruiters should stop asking about sexual preference but that some questions about treatment of homosexuals would remain until an executive order was signed in six months formally revoking the ban.

The administration is working with Democratic leaders to block Republicao plans for an early vote on preserving the ban,

"I hope Americans are able to back off a little bit and say we don't want a situation where we encourage people to be hateful and do violence against somebody just because they bappen to be different," Senator Bob Kerrey, a Nebraska Democrat who is a decorated Vietnam war veteran, said on NBC.

Senator Dan Coats, Republican of Iodiana, a leading opponent of lifting the ban, said on the same program that his stance was based on "very practical aspects."

For example, he noted, the military does not allow men and women to share quarters because of po-

Washington Post Service
WASHINGTON — The chairman of

the Joint Chiefs of Staff, yielding to pres-

sure from his fellow chiefs, is preparing to release a plan for the armed services that

rejects President Bill Clinton's call to save "billions of dollars" by eliminating redun-

General Colin L. Powell's report, his

first broad assessment of the division of labor in the post-Cold War U.S. military,

abandons or retreats sharply from nearly all his earlier major proposals to divest the armed services of duplication and ineffi-

If presented as expected in its current

dant military capabilities.

WASHINGTON — President he asked whether it would be ap-

Citing the handling of the issue at the Central Intelligence Agency, He added that there were a Representative Dave McCurdy, whole lot of complicated and sizmer chairman of the House Permahe was not certain when his deci-

> Referring to the CIA, he said: "In their research, they found that not in the last 15 years of espionage cases was there a single instance of homosexuality being involved."

> The agency no longer asks potential em loyees about their sexual orientation, he added.



(Reuters, AP) Defense Secretary Les Aspin discussing plans for ending the ban on homosexuals in the military. With him is Senator Sam Numn.

Aspin to Bolster Pentagon Role in Foreign Policy

By Michael R. Gordon New York Times Service

WASHINGTON -In a sweeping overhaul of the Defense Department, Secretary Les Aspin is creating posts on human rights, arms proliferation and the conversion of military industries, a plan intended to strengthen the Pentagon's involvement

Halperin, a former official in the Johnson and Nixon administrations who fought a long legal battle with Henry A. Kissinger over wiretapping and who later served as director of the Washington office of the American Civil Liberties Union. He is Mr. Aspin's choice for assistant defense secretary for democracy and human rights.

In reorganizing the Pentagon, Mr. As-pin is forming a 1990s group of the "best and the brightest" to deal with foreign policy issues, drawing on specialists from Harvard University and the Rand Corp., as well as present and former government

Altogether, Mr. Aspin's plan and per-sonnel choices are intended to forge an approach and structure for dealing with the fact that the United States is facing with the end of the Cold War. These include the possibility that democratic re-forms in Russian might fail, the spread of weapons of mass destruction, the surge m ethnic strife and the need to retrain workers in the arms industry.

But some critics assert that Mr. Aspin's plan is a power play to strengthen the Pentagon's hand on foreign policy at the expense of the State Department. They

ties of the new administration.

second direct rebuff of the declared priori-

Titled "Roles, Missions and Functions

of the Armed Forces of the United States,"

the Jan. 22 draft, marked "Close Hold-

/Sensitive," finished circulating Wednesday among the service chiefs and the 10 four-star generals and admirals who hold major combatant commands.

In a modestly more ambitious Dec. 18

draft, a copy of which has also been obtained by The Washington Post, General

Powell had called for abolition of all 12 Air

ready to defend against Soviet bombers;

National Guard interceptor squadrons still

assert that the plan may divert Pentagon energies from its primary task: overseeing the shrinking of the military and maintain

ing and equipping the reduced forces.

"It is driven more by the bureaucratic politics of competing with the State De-partment than dealing with the essential functions of the Defense Department," are going to ent back the forces, the number of senior management officials in the

ian Pentagon functions will be handled by four branches: weapons acquisition, persound and readiness, the office of the Pentagon comptroller and an office of

dersecretary at the Energy Department, and a former provost and a professor at the Massachusetts Institute of Technol-

Personnel and Readiness will oversee gon official in the Carter administration.

the army of fixed-wing aircraft that attack

enemy troops close to U.S. positions on the

ground, and a shift of control from the

services to the U.S. Transportation Com-

mand of the small jets used to ferry mili-tary executives around the world.

None of those proposals survived what participants called a heated internal de-

bate, as each service strove to protect its

It is the policy branch that is being reshaped to deal with the new issues. The post is that of assistant defense secretary for democracy and human rights. It will address military assistance to foreign governments, the training of foreign military forces. American policy on peacekeeping and humanitarian operations undertaken

der President Lyndon B. Johnson and on the National Security Council staff under President Richard Nixon.

Mr. Halperin became known for his lawsuit against Mr. Kissinger, accusing him of authorizing a wiretap of his home when Mr. Halperin worked for the national security adviser. This long chapter left over from the Watergate scandal was closed in November, when Mr. Kissinger wrote a letter of apology and Mr. Halperin dropped the suit.

Another new post is that of assistant defense secretary for nuclear security and counter proliferation. It would be in charge of arms control, efforts to stem the spread of weapons of mass destruction and eliminate nuclear weapons in the former Soviet nations, and policy on nuclear forces and anti-missile defenses.

That position is to be filled by Ashton B. Carter, director for the Center for Science and International Affairs at Harvard's John F. Kennedy's School of Government. Mr. Carter has a doctorate in physics from Oxford and has written on a wide variety of national security issues.

During the Reagan administration, Mr. Carter was a critic of its plans to build a invasion of Kuwait.

cently, be has devoted much of his energies to plans to remove nuclear weapons from former Soviet nations and prevent the nuclear weapons from falling into the wrong

A new assistant defense secretary for economic and environmental security will deal with the conversion of the military industries to civilian production and with retraining workers.

The Pentagon joh of policy planning is to be raised in status. Graham Allison, the former dean of the Kennedy School and the advocate of the "grand bargain" plan to send billions of dollars of aid to Moscow, is to be an assistant defense secretary for plans and policy, As such, he will address long-term strategie issues.

Edward L. Warner, a Rand expert on the Russian military and on arms control, is to be the assistant defense secretary for strategy and resources. He will have responsibility for preparing the classified Defense Policy Guidance, which is used to guide the military services in preparing budget plans. He will also play an important role in devising a new structure for the armed forces as Pentagon spending de-

Jock P. Covey was the initial choice to assume the new job of assistant defense secretary for regional affairs. But the prospects for Mr. Covey, who was brought in at Mr. Wisner's suggestion, are unclear following news reports highlighting his role as a State Department aide oo Middle East affairs who helped shape policy to-ward Iraq before Saddam Hussein's 1990

* POLITICAL NOTES*

Clinton's 20% Disapproval: Highest Ever

WASHINGTON - President Bill Clinton's 58 percent approval rating is below the historical average for presidents in their first weeks in office, and his disapproval rating is highest on record, according to a USA Today-CNN poll.

The 20 percent who do not approve of the way Mr. Clinton is doing his job is the highest for any new president since similar Gallup polling started in 1953 with the Eisenhower administration.

The average approval rating for new presidents since then is 65 percent and the average disapproval rating is 6 percent.

By comparison, the man Mr. Clinton defeated in November — George Bush — had a 51 percent approval rating after his first days in office, but only 6 percent disapproved and 43 percent had no early

The previous high disapproval rating was 13 percent, when Ronald Reagan took office in 1981. Mr. Reagan had an initial 51 percent approval rating, like Mr. Bush's.

The latest survey, of 753 adults, was conducted by the Gallup organization Jan. 24-26 and has a 4 percent margin of error. (AP)

Deliums to Head the Armed Services Panel

WASHINGTON - Representative Ron Dellums, Democrat of California, a longtime advocate of smaller defense budgets, was named chairman of the House Armed Services Committee. On a vote of 198 to 10, the House Democratic caucus approved Mr. Dellums as the successor to Les Aspin, who resigned from the House to become Mr. Clinton's secretary of defense. (AP)

Attorney General: No Short List in Sight

WASHINGTON - Administration officials indicate that Mr. Clinton is not near settling on a new nominee for attorney general.

"The list ain't short," a White House aide said.

The need to find someone for Mr. Clinton's final cabinet post

came after Zoë Baird withdrew her nomination under criticism for hiring illegal aliens and failing to pay Social Security taxes for them. Clinton aides said they did not think the president had interviewed any prospects.

Among those being considered are Judge A. Leon Higginbotham Jr. of Philadelphia; Professor Drew Days of the Yale Law School, Jr. of Philadelphia; Professor Drew Days of the Yale Law School, and Charles F.C. Ruff, a Washington lawyer, Other prospects mentioned include: New York State Appeals Court Judge Judith Kaye; Judge Amalya Kearse of the 2d U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals; a Stanford University professor and former Carter administration Justice Department official, Barbara Babcock; and Marian Wright Edelman, head of the Children's Defense Fund and a friend of the first leady. of the first lady's.

President's Jogs Frustrate Security Men

WASHINGTON — As governor of Arkansas, Mr. Clinton could run through downtown Little Rock and chat amiably with anyone he met before strolling to the neighborhood McDonald's for a cup of decaffeinated coffce.

But the new president's frequent jogs in the national capital — he went out again at first light on Thursday — threaten to become a major headache for morning commuters, the police and the Secret Service agents assigned to protect his life, according to the police and some members of the press corps assigned to keep tabs on him. Mr. Clinton's jogging has raised concerns that any tourist, would-

be jogging partner or protester with an ax to grind could literally get within a stone's throw of the president just by standing on the right street corner at the right time, It is not hard to learn the president's route ahead of time.

The Secret Service goes to great lengths to keep details of Mr. Clinton's jogs under wraps. But the route and time of departure are disclosed to District of Columbia police escorts who share such information via oormal police-radio communications.

Clinton Hires Bush's Private Secretary

WASHINGTON - The Clinton administration has confirmed that Patty Presock, former President George Bush's private secretary who handled much of his personal and family business from her post outside the Oval Office, is being kept on in the Clinton White House — complete with her West Wing parking spot and her \$115,300 salary, one of the highest Bush staff salaries.

Officials would not say precisely what Miss Presock is doing, or why someone so closely associated with the former president would stay on the new president's payroll. Miss Presock, with 23 years in the executive branch, is not a typical career employee. She had been with Mr. Bush since his first run for the presidency in 1980.

When Mr. Bush's longtime aides accompanied him oo a farewell drop-off trip to Houston, several asked for Patty and were told than

was too upset by the loss to make the trip.

Word of Miss Presock's employment raised cycbrows in Republican circles this week, especially among aides who expressed shock that Miss Presock would serve a president who defeated Mr. Bush. "I couldn't have been any more surprised than if Barbara Bush had taken a job," a former Bush aide said.

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Airman John Kaisner, who opposes Mr. Clinton's plan to open up the armed services to homosexuals: "If President Clinton had ever worn a uniform, maybe he's know what we're talking about. But he doesn't have a clue."

by the military. Mr. Aspin's choice for this post is Mr. said Zalmay M. Khalilzad, who was the in foreign and domestic policy. Among the least traditional of Mr. Aspin's choices for the new jobs is Morton H. Pentagon's head of policy planning in the Bush years. "It is ironic that at the time we Halperin, who served in the Pentagon un-

policy domain is increasing."
Under Mr. Aspin's plan, the usual civil-

national security policy.

The weapons acquisition branch is to be headed by John M. Deutch, a former un-

the reserves, health affairs and the readiness of the forces. The Pentagon comptroller will serve as the chief financial officer. These appointments have oot been disclosed yet. The policy branch is to be headed by Frank G. Wisner, a former ambassador to Egypt and high State De-partment official. He will assume the post of undersecretary of defense for policy. Mr. Wisner's main deputy will be Walter B. Slocombe, an expert on arms control and nuclear forces who was a senior Penta-

Top U.S. General Deserts President's Plan for Military Cuts form to Defense Secretary Les Aspin, it climination of the army and navy space services because it allocates combat assigndancy and duplication in the face of would mark the senior uniformed leaders' commands; an end to the air force role in ments among them. Those jobs, such as Washington's growing fiscal crisis and the rescuing pilots downed in combat; transfer protecting American troops from air attack, carry with them authority to field Union. of operational control from the air force to

> than one service. The debate over streamlining the assignments, which were last changed fundamentally at a 1948 meeting of service chiefs at Key West, Florida, received a major impetus in July. The Senate Armed Services Committee chairman, Sam Nunn, Demo-The subject of General Powell's report, crat of Georgia, called for "a no-holdsalthough somewhat technical, is basic to barred, everything-on-the-table review redundancies, save bithe structure and fortunes of the military aimed at cutting the "premendous redunget better teamwork."

declining threat from the former Soviet

troops, buy equipment and create commands for generals and admirals. In many cases they are currently performed by more than one service.

Mr. Clinton, who was under pressure to show how he would save money while retaining the capability to intervene militarily anywhere in the world, endorsed Mr. Nunn's views in the major national security speech of his campaign.

"We have four separate air forces -one each for the Marines, army, oavy and air force," Mr. Clinton said.

He added: "While respecting each service's unique capabilities, we can reduce redundancies, save billions of dollars and

Charlie Gehringer Dies at 89, Star Of '30s Baseball

Washington Post Service

Charlie Gehringer, 89, the slick-fielding, hard-hitting Hall of Fame second baseman, who played his entire 19-year major league career with the Detroit Tigers, died Jan. 21 in Bloomfield Hills, Michigan, after a stroke.

He played for the Tigers from 1924 through 1942. In 1937, when he won the American League's Most Valuable Player award, he led the league with a .371 batting average. Hitting left-handed, he fin-ished his career with a lifetime bat-ting average of .320 and with 2,839

hits.

"They wind Gehringer up at the start of the season and he never runs down," Lefty Gomez, pitcher of the New York Yankees, once said. "He hits 354 on opening day and he hits 354 the rest of the season. Whenever you played the Tiggrs, you'd look up and he'd be Tigers, you'd look up and he'd be

He helped the Tigers win pen-uants in 1934, 1935 and 1940, and he helped them beat the Chicago Cubs in the 1935 World Series. He hit 321 in World Series play.

Mr. Gebringer, inducted into baseball's Hall of Fame in 1949, was a native of Fowlerville, Michigan. He was general manager of the Tigers in 1951-53. He became a consultant to the Tigers organization in 1957.

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Away From Politics

• Washington-area investigators have discovered fingerprints believed to be those of the gunman who killed two men and wounded three in a rush-hour attack ontside the CIA's Langley, Virginia, headquarters. The prints were found on one of the victim's cars and on a shell casing, sources said. • About 10 percent of Americans sought the help of "unconventional" medical practitioners — from chiropractors to herbal healers to massage therapists - in 1990, according to a new survey.

 An insurance claims agent in Tampa, Florida, who gunned down five former co-workers was angry because he had been dismissed from his job. Paul Calden, 33, had walked into a busy restaurant and fatally shot three former bosses and hurt two others, witnesses said. He later killed himself.

• The Hearst Cosp. has closed the San Antonio Light after getting approval to buy the rival Express-News, ending a 112-year tradition of combas become an armory for criminals elsewhere, peting daily newspapers in this South Texas city. • Cartoon shows and other television fare for children contain more acts of violence per hour than any other form of programming, a University of Pennsylvania researcher wrote in a report to the National Cable Television Association.

the city had said would be turned over to civilians. city and police officials said Wednesday. • An admitted Nazi concentration camp guard has

voluntarily left the United States and agreed never to return, the U.S. Justice Department said. The former guard, Michael Schmidt, 69, left for Austria en route to Germany, where he was expected to take up permanent residence. Mr. Schmidt, a retired janitor from Lincolnwood, Illinois, was stripped of his U.S. citizenship three years ago.

• Associate Justice Thurgood Marshall, who led the legal battle to end segregation in America, was eulogized as a towering figure who "left an indeli-ble mark not only on the law but on his country." Thousands of mourners filled Washington Nation-al Cathedral for the funeral of the first black Supreme Court justice, who died Sunday.

state and U.S. officials say. Forty percent of traceable handguns found at crime scenes in New York City in 1991 were sold in Virginia, according to the U.S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms.

 At least 58 people were treated for respiratory problems and nausea after paint fumes got into the • The New York mayor's plan to put more police officers on the streets is behind schedule because at least 620 officers are still performing duties that ventilation system at a clothing factory in Rock-WP, Reuters, AP, NYT

Rights Face-Off **Worsens in Haiti**

New York Times Service

MIAMI - Plans to deploy hundreds of United Nations observers in Haiti to monitor human rights violations and discourage political violence have been stalled by last minute objections raised by Haiti's de facto government over the ob-

late Wednesday, Prime Minister Mare L. Bazin angrily denounced a written request by the United Na-tions for the mission to be allowed to "go anywhere freely, without being accompanied and without giving prior notice" as a violation of the country's sovereignty. "No authentie Haitian would

In a speech on Haitian television

sign this document," Mr. Bazin said in the broadcast, which diplomats described as the clearest of several recent signs that Haiti's army-backed civilian government was resisting international efforts to end the country's 16-month po-

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DUTCH: As Amsterdam Moves to Ban Automobiles, Business Warns Plan May Backfire

(Continued from page 1)

free center. In the labyrinth of waterways and bridges, city engineers have already built new traffic mazes to convey the message that the car is no longer king of the road. They have turned the Damrak, the evercongested axis between the Central

Station and the Royal Palace, into backed a plan for a virtually car- a relaxed avenue with wider sidewalks and new bicycle lanes. On many streets, from the red light district to the popular Leidse Square, cars are being hemmed in by raised speed bumps and intimidating phalanxes of posts, or bollards. City workers are quietly

eliminating parking spots.

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"We are reconquering the lost public spaces," Mr. Pistor said. "We need them for walking, cy-cling, shopping and sitting around, for markets, music or other street

events." If completed, the project will affect the heart of the city, the place where Amsterdam grew up around a 13th century dam in the Amstel River — giving Amsterdam its name — and where a girdle of canals was built to serve the shipping needs of prosperous, 17th century merchants. The canals never gave the port city enough room to lay

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The city says it will expand metto and tram lines and plans parking garages on the city periphery. It also says it will provide more and safer locations to park and repair bicycles to encourage cyclists. Am-sterdam already has a head start: As much as one third of traffic in the city center consists of bicycles.

Ultimately, the plan foresees that apart from taxis, police cars, ambulances and fire trucks, only the disabled and some residents will have access to the canal area.

Buses and large trucks will be banned and small business vans will be allowed to load and unload for short periods. But more water taxis and cargo barges could return the canals to the busy arteries they once were.

How fast and how far the project will proceed, city hall planners say, depends on what the economic life of the city can sustain.

The Chamber of Commerce has warned that the inner city could turn into an open-air museum and that a large portion of the center's 80,000 jobs would be lost if the traffie ban is too strict. Amsterdam's center has the largest con-centration of offices in the Netherlands, accounting for about 55,000

"If you want the center to remain the motor of the city, you have to be careful how you squeeze it," said an official at the chamber, Kees ter Horst. "We say, first put in the public works, the extension of the metro and the trams, before you cut back. Not the other way around."

City planners say they are keenly aware of the need for mobility. "We want to keep the whole mosaic of functions intact, the shops, offices, homes, the cultural life and the nightlife," said Maartie van Os, a city official. "This mix is what makes this city so appealing. So the idea is to keep reviewing and finetuning our steps as we go along."

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comment on their decisions."

U.S. Offers Somalia a Hand

'Quick Reaction Force' Would Aid the UN

By Keith B. Richburg

Washington Past Service
MOGADISHU, Somalia — The Clinton administration has offered to leave behind in Somalia a mobile "quick reaction force" of Marines or army soldiers with helicopter gunships that could respond swiftly to renewed threats from the country's warlords after the bulk of U.S. troops are

replaced by United Nations peacekeepers.

The U.S. special envoy, Robert B. Oakley, said Thursday that Washington offered the "quick reaction force" in response to fears from the United Nations and from countries contributing to the military coalition in Somalia that once the Ameri-can forces withdrew, the warlords might be tempt-

ed to try to renew the civil war and test the mettle of the new UN troops.

"We promised to provide a quick reaction force of some kind to support the United Nations operation."

tion." Mr. Oakley said.

"Washington thought it might be wise to leave this quick reaction force," he said, "just in the event where one of these military commanders or warlords suddenly decides to surge, before you've

taken down everybody's military potential."

Mr. Oakley also said that the United States was working to have a "substantial" local police force of up to 3,500 Somalis on the streets of the capital within the next few days.

He said the Americans decided to become more involved in building the new capital police force immediately after the killing of the first U.S. Marine here earlier this month, which added to concerns among U.S. officials that American troops were getting sucked in deeper" in patrolling the capital's dangerous streets.

With the arrival of the first Marines here Dec. 9, the warlords' militias collapsed, and the young gunnen have turned increasingly to banditry to support themselves.

The armies have disintegrated," Mr. Oakley said. "They can't fight. They can't loot. They don't have any raison d'être."

He added, "They do what they know how to do,

which is use their weapons."

With the rise in vandalism, foreigners — mainly relief workers, and also journalists - became the targets, and the Marines have been called upon to

provide protection. The Marines try to respond, and this puts them even deeper in the city, which is something we didn't want to do," Mr. Oakley said. "We got

sucked more deeply into the city — which is why we need a police force, so we can pull out." The police force will be drawn primarily from former police officers, with also some former army

U.S. forces will have liaison officers who will move around the city alongside the police units, and at least some of the Somali policemen would be armed. He said that the Somalis themselves came up with the plan, and that the United States is only

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helping with the organization, advice and logistics.
Recruiting and training a Somali national police force is supposed to be the responsibility of the United Nations, but Mr. Oakley said the United States decided to act unilaterally in forming the capital police because the UN was moving too slowly while Marines patrolling in Mozadishn had increasingly become targets for sniper attacks.

In Panama, it took a year to form a police force, Mr. Oakley said. "We can't afford to wait."
"There are things that need to be done right

now," Mr. Oakley said. The U.S. envoy repeatedly expressed some frus-tration or annoyance at the United Nations' slow pace in organizing a new force and setting the new rules for UN peacekeepers to make the transition soon to replace the U.S. forces on the ground. He said the United Nations had only come around this week to accepting the American view that the future UN force here must adopt the existing U.S. philosophy for combat in Somalia and the same broad rules of engagement employed by American

There has been concern that without giving U.N. troops the same liberal "fire first" power to defend themselves against potential threats in Somalia, member-countries might be reluctant to leave their troops behind once the Americans go

The idea for a quick reaction force is to position a large number of U.S. troops either somewhere in the country or just off-shore to be able to respond anywhere in Somalia to outbreaks of violence, ing the prospect of direct U.S. military involvement here in a combat role for many more months.

Leaving behind such a mobile American force,

Mr. Oakley said, would make the UN troops "feel better," and it would also help "discourage any of the Somali military types who felt like the situation was now such that he could take advantage of it."

Mr. Oakley said two approaches to the new force were being discussed. One idea, he said, is to leave behind a reinforced army battalion "with a lot of helicopters, a lot of mobility" that would be based in Somalia. The other option, he said, was to leave a Marine amphibious unit based on American ships that could move into the country quickly to aid the UN peacekeepers. The idea with either option, he said, was to leave behind a force of combat troops with "a lot of mobility and a lot of generals and colonels. At least initially, he said, striking power."

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The peace talks are on hold, with no date set for new meetings. Israeli officials have repeatedly said that they were sure Syria and Jordan would show up, But Palestinian delegates insisted they would boycott the talks until all the exiles were returned, not just the 19 who have been brought back in the last few weeks because of illness and

mistaken expulsions. While it is not the first time that the Palestinian representatives have threatened to stay home, all signs suggest that this time they mean it. If anything, the Israeli

gates' resolve. the deadlock in the peace talks and wing of Hamas, were an obstacle to for the total halt to oegotiations," peace talks. said Hanan Ashrawi, spokeswoman for the Palestinian team.

southern Lebanon, the nearly 400 to terror" and therefore "it was Egyptian."

ers of the militant Islamic group known as Hamas, also rejected a high court call for procedures that would make it possible for them to appeal their expulsions to special

military tribunals on an individual . The Palestinians have said that any appeal would give the deportations legitimacy, and they resterated that they would remain where they were, between Israeli and Lebanese Army checkpoints, until they

and Gaza Strip. Mr. Rabin rejected Palestinian which had followed the killing of "We hold Israel responsible for five Israeli servicemen by an armed

Israeli radio quoted him as saying that Israel "did not make con-At their makeshift camp in tinning talks contingent on an end

Given the fallout from the de-

and out of government, had hoped that the high court might issue an order that could make diplomatic life easier for them. Mr. Rabin, however, said that he did not seek any such assistance. In the last few days, his position has hardened, especially after Mr. Butros Ghalf's call for new Security

Council measures.

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spokesman. George Stephano-poulos, responding to questions.] A State Department official said earlier that the Japanese understand that just having Miyazawa come to say hello, without having anything to offer, is not produc-

The delay is also aimed at helping give the new administration time to work out what a U.S. official termed "a fundamental reshaping of the way we approach Japan." The decision to have Mr. Clinton keep Japan at arm's length in the Interviewed on television early days of his administration represents a dramatic change from previous administrations. In 1989. port" and complained that born Takeshita arrived for a White ed because it had focused on the George Bush on Feb. I, less than two weeks after Mr. Bush was sworn in Japanese officials are "I am not surprised by the remaking little effort to hide their port," he said. "Butros Ghali is an irritation with the American pres-

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Yeltsin Resolves Debt Dispute, Too

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches NEW DELHI - India and Russia began a new era of military cooperation Thursday with an agreement that ended worries here that the Soviet-made Indian war machine would come to a halt.

The Indian-Russian military accord signed Thursday guarantees supplies of military spare parts and conventional weapons systems. li also assures the resumption of military training programs suspended after the December 1991 breakup of the Soviet Union.

The Russians agreed to provide India with a long-range rocket despite U.S. objections. The Indians say they want the rocket as a satellite launcher. The United States worries that it could further destabilize South Asia.

The agreement was signed by the Indian defense minister, Sharad Pawar, and his Russian counterpart, Pavel S. Grachev, in the presence of President Boris N. Yeltsin of Russia and Prime Minister P. V. Narasimha Rao of India.

The two sides also announced agreement on their dispute over in-dia's debt to Russia, but provided no details.

"It was a compromise," Mr. Yeltsin said. "I moved a little, he moved a little. As for who moved the most, let's not worry about that. The most important thing is that we reached an agreement."

India had said it owed Russia \$12 billion, while Russia had insisted that the debt was \$15 billion. The dispute stemmed from the sharp drop in the value of the ruble.

During talks with Mr. Rao, Mr. Yeltsin proposed joint ventures in spare parts, and the transfer of technology to Indian ordnance and spare-parts factories.

Our prime minister welcomed these proposals and said all would be tried ont," an Indian spokesman said, but he did not spell out whether the supplies would be paid for in hard currency or through a new rupce-ruble barter agreement.

The pact also provides for joint programs in research, maintenance and training, and for exports by India to third countries. But it did not specify the equity stakes between India and Russia in such

In addition, the accord pledged supply of aircraft spares and rocket parts, as well as components and software for air defense and for military communication systems.

The Soviet Union accounted for more than 60 percent of India's defense needs, and its breakup seriously affected the Indian armed forces.

Two-thirds of the Soviet T series tanks were not battle-ready, and the Indian Air Force was forced to cannibalize old jets to keep flying.

The three services of the Indian armed forces slashed exercises by more than 50 percent as New Delha failed to find new sellers in the former Soviet bloc, and the West could not service the country's Sovict-built weaponry. (AFP, AP)



Mr. Yeltsin and his wife, Naina, linking hands around a 4th century pillar on the grounds of a Muslim monument in New Delhi on Thursday, in keeping with a legend that the gesture brings good fortune.

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Korean Immigrants in Japan Often Opt to Remain Korean

When Koreans migrate to the United States, Canada or Australia, they usually act quickly to become citizens of their new countries. But most of Japan's 600,000 Koreans, in Japan for three generations or more, and in many ways indistinguishable from Japanese, have chosen to remain Kore-

an, Reuters reports from Tokyo. A Japanese expert on Korea, Katsumi Sato, predicts. The number of Koreans in Japan will gradually drop as they become Japanese, as did the gradually drop as they become Japanese, as did the previous two big waves of immigrants from Korea in the 6th and 16th centuries. In 30 to 50 years, there will be none left."

But Japanese nationality is a highly sensitive issue for Koreans, many of them descendants of people forced to come to work in mines or factories when Korea was a colony of Japan in the first half of this century. During colonial rule, Japan suppressed Korean culture and language.

Justice Ministry figures show that since World War II, 161,212 Koreans have acquired Japanese nationality. But in a book called "The Identity of Koreans in Japan," Lee Kinam, 36, writes, "We are neither Korean nor Japanese." Mr. Lee, who works in the Tokyo branch office of a Korean company, said his "Korean-ness" barred him from getting a job with a Japanese concern.

Mr. Sato disagrees, pointing to a 1974 legal decision that Koreans cannot be denied jobs because of their ancestry.

Around Asia

Hamish Macleod, financial secretary of the Hong Kong government, will auction off his automobile registration number to raise money for charity, a government spokesman said this week.

Mr. Macleod's license plate, with the single numeral "2," will join other "lucky numbers" to be sold at auction Feb. 27. Hong Kong's Transport Department regularly anctions off "lucky" license plate numbers, the local equivalent of vanity plates with proceeds solve no chacity. In 20 years. plates, with proceeds going to charity. In 20 years, 167 million Hong Kong dollars (\$21.4 million) bas

The average Tokyo child has no fewer than 411 toys that cost a total of \$1,530, according Japan's Product Science Research Institute, which is funded by a the Sezon Group, a retail chain. The survey of children up to 11 years old was limited to 59 volunteer households, so the average may not be completely scientific. It also counted each of the cars in a toy car collection, for instance, as separate

Arthur Higbee

Ignoring Khmer Rouge, UN Sets Cambodia Vote

BEIJING — Cambodia will hold elections on May 23-25, whether or not the Khmer Rouge agrees to participate, a United Nations spokesman said Thursday.

UN-organized elections for a Constituent Assembly are intended to secure lasting peace after 12 years of civil war in the Southeast Asian nation.

The dates were given by the head of the United Nations Transitional Authority in Cambodia, Yasushi Akashi, at a meeting in Beijing of Cambodia's Supreme National
Council. The council, chaired by
Prince Norodom Sihanouk, groups

"If the Khmer Rouge decided to
join in at a later date they could
find a way," he said. But he added Prince Norodom Sihanouk, groups the four rival Cambodian factions, including the Khmer Rouge.

a UN-imposed deadline for registering to contest the elections.

A UN spokesman, Eric Falt, said it was still technically possible for the group to take part, but the elec-

The Khmer Rouge, whose brutal rule in the mid 1970s killed more than a million Cambodians, missed UN inspectors into areas it controls, and its fighters have repeat-

tion dates could not be changed.

that the group had made no indica-

trols, and its fighters have repeat-edly attacked UN forces.

The Khmer Rouge says the elec-tions will not be fair because of what it calls the presence of large numbers of Vietnamese in Cambo-

in 1991 by all four factions, the 22,000-strong UN peacekeeping force—the largest such operation in history — is supervising the runtion on Thursday of a change of ning of the country until the elec-

But the Khmer Rouge's refusal to disarm and increasing political violence has put the accord in jeop-

The meeting Thursday had been scheduled to discuss presidential elections, but this was dropped af-ter a statement by Prince Sihanouk dia. Vietnam invaded Cambodia in on Tuesday that such a vote should December 1978 to end the Khmer take place after the Constituent Assembly had been established, Mr. Under a peace agreement signed Falt said.

French Firm Might Still Bid For New York Public Toilets

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NEW YORK — The New York City Council, clarifying its position on the conditions on a proposed city franchise for public toilets, will not require bidders to design a single public toilet for both handicapped and nonhandicapped users.

As a result, the French company that tested a design in the city last summer said it could still compete in the bidding.

Council officials said that although they would not require bidders to give the particle of the council o

to come up with one toilet design for all users, they intended to give

preference to such a design.

JCDecaux International, the French company that experimented with public toilets that included separate lavatories for handicapped and nonhandicapped people, said it considered its design superior. "We think we are able to compete on an even basis, and we still think that the double-unit system is better," said Jean-François Decaux, chief executive of the company.

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Military Reshuffle Weakens Chinese Clan

By Sheryl WuDunn New York Times Service

BELIING - The Communist Party has completed a military reshuffle that may be the most comprehensive in four decades, apparently in part to avert simmering power struggles that could crupt after the death of the 88-year-old senior leader, Deng Xiaoping.

Few institutions in China are so crucial to the country's future as the People's Liberation Army, and few are so murky.

But it is clear that one major reason for the shuffle, involving hundreds of senior military officers, is the aim of putting priority again on military modernization rather than ideological orthodoxy.

Chinese and foreign analysts say the changes are also meant to mend a split that has been widening since one faction, led by the Yang clan, ascended to power after the violent crackdown on pro-democracy demonstrators in Beijing in June 1989. The Yangs have now been The changes, set in motion by the 14th Com-

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Hong Kong

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches HONG KONG — China has

launched a fresh attack on Britisb

plans for democracy in Hong Kong with the senior leader Deng Xiaoping quoted as saying that Beijing will not give an inch on

The attack sent the Hang Seng

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confidence, down 2.3 percent to close at 5,804.50, a drop of 135.39

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China's senior representative in

Hong Kong, Zhou Nan, suggested

that the democracy proposals were

part of a British plot to keep con-

trol of the colony after it is returned

Mr. Zhou, head of the Xinhua

press agency branch in Hong Kong, quoted Mr. Deng as saying.

According to Mr. Zhou, Mr. Deng added: "Some have suggest-

ed that each side make concessions.

The Joint Declaration, the Basic

Law and agreements reached by Britain and China must be strictly

implemented. Not one word can be

It was unclear when Mr. Deng had been speaking.

Mr. Zhou said it was believed

that Britain changed its policy to-

ward Hong Kong after Chris Pat-

ten became governor last year be-

cause some senior figures in

London believed China, like the

former Soviet Union, was destined

(Reuters, AFP)

We cannot give an inch."

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Attack on

trickled out piecemeal. A Beijing-controlled newspaper in Hong Kong described the shifts as the most far-reaching personnel shuffle in the army since the Communist Revolution in

Some Western diplomats also describe the personnel moves as a step toward a reassessment of the 1989 crackdown. Several generals who were promoted at the time have been demoted or dismissed, while at least one military official who disapproved of the killings appears to have been rehabilitated.

one will come out and say it," said a Western diplomat. "This is an opportunity to clean out people associated with it," he said, adding that the shuffle served to put behind a divisive issue within the army.

A Chinese military researcher rejected this

munisi Party Congress held in October, have

There is sort of a reversal of verdicts, but no

interpretation, saying that the crackdown was a receding issue in the minds of military leaders and that there were no regrets about the way it

But he agreed with Western specialists that

the shuffle had removed the Yang family, which had been in a good position to emerge as the dominant power in China after the death of Mr.

Deng.
"The military must be the kingmaker and guardian," said another Chinese with ties in the military. "It must be able to support Deng Xiaoping's heir, General Secretary Jiang Ze-

Many military officials appear happy with the changes but are concerned over whether the new leadership can transform an outmoded, people-powered military into a modern, professional and efficient institution that can become

a dominant regional power. The new military leaders, Liu Huacing, 76, and Zhang Zhen, 85, are considered too old to carry out such a vast makeover. But Chi Haotian, 63, a general who is expected to be named defense minister in the spring, is considered a

candidate to fill such a role. "Deng will be remembered for opening two pages in the big book," said the Chinese. "The first is reform. The second is that he got rid of all the old revolutionaries from power.

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Who's the Ringmaster?

budget have been a three-ring circus of novice mistakes. He needs to show, soon,

that he, not Slick Willie, is the ringmaster. The tricks in Mr. Clinton's budget strategy are increasingly apparent. Day after day, presidential surrogates hint that one or more of his campaign promises is about to be broken, or hedged in obfuscation. And what does the nation's new leader think

about any of this? He is not telling.

There is some value to letting the debate rage for a while. Interesting things can hap-pen — for instance, the sudden enthusiasm among oil-state Democrats, some Republican senators and the American Petroleum Institute for a national sales tax rather than a gasoline tax increase. They would have low- and middle-income taxpayers buy down the deficit that ran up while the wealthy got tax cuts.

would halve the federal deficit. He would raise taxes on the rich and, come what may, cut them for the middle class. He would not tax gasoline. And he would raise billions by

dunning foreign corporations. But he either failed to recognize the fullcynical. Either way be was not smart, be-—the "change" he promised — yet already they see waffling politics-as-usual. It is especially galling that candidate Clinton pretended not to know that the deficit would be much bigger than officially estimated last summer, and got away with it.

Seeing that be cannot do what be said he

On-the-job training is a messy process, and when you are president everyone gets to watch. Bill Clinton's early moves on the tax will obscure much larger policy questions. would. Mr. Clinton needs a way out, But a tions: Should Washington put more emphasis on taxing spending and less on taxing income? Should the mild progressivity of the income tax be further diluted by greater reliance on regressive excise taxes?

If taxes are ripe for revision, how might the revisions serve such nontax goals as conservation and a healthy environment? If there is an energy tax, what rebate provisions will be made to treat fairly the poorer taxpayers who may spend 10 percent of their income, or even more, on gasoline and heating oil? And, not least, what best produces the needed revenue?

In his inaugural address, President Clinton stressed sacrifice. In his campaign, he made some promises about the principles of equity that would govern how he filled in the painful details. Now it is clear that some of those promises are likely to be broken, To his credit, but oow his discomfort, and White House surrogates are chunsily Mr. Clinton committed himself quite directly during the campaign and since. He ever, relieve their leader of his personal obligation to show what he is really up to.

If his deficit target is history - and there is a sound case that it is - he must explain it. If health care reform and other initiatives cost real money, he must not burden them with irrational financing schemes that conness of the fiscal dilemma, or he was crassly ceal the reality. If he is now ready to soak the middle-income taxpavers he was promcause voters expected something different ising to spare, let us oot hear it from Trea-

sury Secretary Lloyd Bentsen. As he prepares to tell all in mid-February, let Mr. Clinton be aware that there is no room for tricks unless he wants to cause an outbreak of voters' regret by leaving Slick Willie in the center ring.

Obstacles in Cambodia

The United Nations peace plan for ceedings unless the United Nations better Cambodia is under severe strain, and some of the plan's supporters are oear to surrendering to despair. But it is too early - and unthinkably unfair to Cambodia - to conclude that significant pieces of the plan

cannot be saved. One part that may oot be saved is the hope of keeping the country whole. The Khmer Rouge, the Communist movement that conducted genocide in the 1970s, refuse either to demobilize or to take part in elections planned for May. The result may yet be partition, with the Khmer Rouge bunkering down in the territory that they control along the Thai border. To prevent this outcome, the Thais must stop doling out the commercial favors that finance this shrewd and poisonous movement.

But the Khmer Rouge are not the only spoilers. The prospect of an electoral shortfall seems to have led Hun Sen, the supposedly reformed former Khmer Rouge who became prime minister, to launch a terroristic campaign against the non-Communist parties, including the party of Prince Norodom Sihanouk's son. This prompted the prince to threaten a boycott of UN proprotects the renewal process

In partial response, the United Nations now intends to sponsor presidential elec-tions in May as well as elections to a constitution-writing assembly. The new president will almost certainly be Prince Shanouk, who would be expected to lend his still unmatched prestige and wile to steadying

the country in its difficult passage.

From the start, Cambodian peace was a long shot. The ootion that Communist Russia, China and Vietnam would cooperate in converting a Communist country into a democracy was outlandish but, in the circumstances, expedient. The effort to bring the Khmer Rouge in, rather than fence them out, was always risky — and always necessary to make sure that China would let the United Nations rescue attempt proceed. Now some of the obstacles are in plain view, but the process limps along, promising miserable Cambodia less than it deserves but more than it can otherwise expect. This is no time for the American and international friends of Cambodia to just give up and walk away.

- THE WASHINGTON POST.

Go for Open Skies

U.S. airlines do not like British Airways' USAir and then switch to British Airways 20 percent purchase of financially ailing the impression that they are flying on one USAir for \$300 million. Fearing competition airline. Code sharing is a significant mar-from the merged company, they are pressur-keting advantage, a key to the British Airing the Clinton administration to reject the ways strategy to win new customers. While deal. That it should do - but not to protect the investment itself does not require U.S. the shareholders of American, Delta and United. There is a more important goal to and could be used as a crowbar to pry open be served: knocking down barriers to inter-national travel that jack up prices and di-

minish service for travelers everywhere. British Airways proposed in July to invest \$750 million in USAir. The Bush administration wisely blocked the plan because the British government refused to grant completely open access for U.S. carriers to Loodon's Heathrow Airport. This investment in a way that did not require prior approval from Washington. But the

agreement calls for code sharing — in effect, giving passengers who first board

government approval, code sharing does, restricted access.

The tactic would be a gamble. President Bill Clinton would, in essence, be ripping up the restrictive U.S.-British accord on airports and forcing the two countries to oegotiate anew. But the United States would hold strong cards. British Airways would be faced with losing access to the huge U.S. market, whereas U.S. carriers time around, British Airways structured its would only face losing existing access to

Britain — a serious but smaller threat. Out of this threat and counterthreat Clinton administration still has leverage.

A part of the British Airways-USAir whereby each country grants free access to carriers from the other country

- THE NEW YORK TIMES

Other Comment

Russia Cannot Be Ignored

Looming bigger than all other regional problems, and threatening in the years ahead once again to dominate America's international agenda, is Russia.

Will it be able to hold to its course of economic and political reform? Can its nascent democratic forces contain the ever more assertive proponents of retrograde nationalism and authoritarianism? Can it be counted on to continue taking a responsible and measured role in world affairs? Right now there is no certain answer to any of these questions. But there is at least a keen appreciation in the new administration of Russia's crucial importance. The clear signal is that Washington will continue to assign the high-est priority to relations with Russia. That welcome indication comes as more

ominous signs cloud the Russian horizon. A poll taken in Russia by the Times Mirror Center for People and the Press finds an alarming shippage in support for democracy
—down from 51 percent two years ago to 31

ercent — and a rise in support for a "strong eader." And Russia's economic distress is deepening. Inflation is spinning out of con-trol. The ruble's precipitous slide has destroyed savings and pauperized millions. In this climate a poisonous xenophobia finds the nutrients on which it can feed.

— Los Angeles Times.

Bosnia Keeps On Burning

For almost a year, the United Nations and the European Community have stood by while the Bosnian tragedy darkened. When will this nightmare end? It is time the United Nations showed decisiveness. But divisions exist within the Security Council and the European Community. Only assertive American leadership can help narrow these. If the Security Council fails to act, the Organization of Islamic Conference will give its member states the green light to help Bosnian Muslims. The conflict may spread. The dangers are too great for the world community to sit by while Bosnia burns.

- The Straits Times (Singapore).

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OPINION

NATO at Issue: Go Into the Balkans or Fold Up Shop

T ONDON — Looking southward in 1876, Bismarck of Germany, borrowing a phrase from Frederick the Great, recoiled from Continental responsibility: "The Balkans are not worth the healthy bones of a single Pomeranian musketeer.

Many Americans today feel the same way.
What the rapacious Serbs have been doing to the Bosnians is horrible, and what the Croats are now doing to the Bosnians as they get even with the Serbs is almost as bad — but what do all these ancient hatreds have to do with us? The inclination is to translate Bismarck's isolation into Lyndon Johnsonese: "I

don't have a dog in this fight."

But when television brings film of suffering into our homes, and rescue workers and journalists report rapine and genocide, we Americans are moved to a more principled position. We say human-righteously: You Europeans ought to do something about the evil rampant on your own continent

So European leaders hold peace talks to legitimize current conquests. They loosely ap-ply economic sanctions. They send in peaceBy William Safire

keepers to provide humanitarian aid, treating the victims rather than confronting the perpetrators. The United Nations labors over the imposition of meaningless flight restrictions. Result: Aggression is rewarded, and war

spreads in the former Yugoslavia.

American public sentiment is now becoming prepared for another half-step: to allow Bosnians to arm themselves and die for their country. The United States may even provide air cover and satellite intelligence for arropean troops, and threaten to bomb Serbian artillery now killing civilians. Today the essential American message to Europe seems to be: If you take the lead, we will help, but our help has to be technological and not the sort that generates outcries of opposition.

This qualified offer to hold Europe's coat

does not go over well with America's allies. They much prefer that the superpower take the lead in the Balkans, which would give them political cover at home; barring that,

they wish some hawkish Americans would stop talking about serious military response, because it may jeopardize the present conscience-salving treatment of the symptoms.

That is the state of play as the Clinton administration takes its place at the world table. Here are three facts that face Washington's new policymakers:

 Collective security is oo longer limited to defending national borders; a nascent understanding grows that ethnic minorities are enti-

tled to international protection.

• Europeans are capable of being shamed into taking action to enforce this new concept of collective security, but unless America does the active shaming, Europe's leaders will shrink from their responsibility

• America, if it is to have the standing to call for effective action, must be ready to share the risk. The United States should be prepared to help pose a threat on the ground as well as in the air — perhaps as a symbolic part of a muscular NATO force that could be assembled in Macedonia, protecting that re-gion as well as the ethnic Albanians who live

in Serbia's Kosovo. This would not be a vulnerable contingent riding shotgun for the Red Cross: it would be a powerful deterrent ready to counterattack "ethnic cleansers."

American public opinion is far from ready for this. Is Bill Clinton, so eager to begin

domestic innovation, ready to prepare the ground for such a foreign commitment? To do so, he must ask his aides: Why isn't the Pentagon working with allies to prepare a battle plan to intimidate local aggressors into settlement without war? He must also ask France, Germany, Britain: Are the stable nations of Western Europe prepared to offer the carrot of economic incentives to the Baikans and to other im-

poverished peoples to the south and east?

We are entering the season that will decide whether the North Atlantic Treaty Organization lives or dies. A misstep could cost lives; inaction will cost lives and an alliance. America cannot impose its ideals on its allies, but if the nations of Europe are unwilling to defend their innocents, those nations can hardly expect America to help defend their borders.

The New York Times.

Foreboding in Kosovo: This War Isn't Going to Prevent Itself

By Flora Lewis

PRISTINA, Yugoslavia — There is not much news from Kosovo, but there is a heavy foreboding that when the headlines come, they will be very bad. The atmosphere is poisonous, much worse than in Bosnia

before the fighting started.

This province of Serbia, antonomous under the 1974 Tito constitution, was put under direct Belgrade rule in 1988 by Slobodan Milosevic as a key expression of the Serbian lism that won him popularity and power. But ethnic Albanians constitute 90 percent of the 2 mil-lion people, and they have ample reason to hate and fear Serbian dominance. They also know about

"ethnic cleansing" in Bosnia. So far, there is a taut restraint, which could break down at any time. Nonviolence is the deliberate, careful policy of the Albanian leadership, refusing to be provoked, aware that their repressed people are unprotected against the heavily armed Scrbs but obliged to voice their grievances. On his side, Mr. Milosevic has managed to keep local Serbian fire-eaters more or less on leash while he attends to troubles

elsewhere. But they have everything they need to launch a monumental ughter and forced exodus.

Some do not hide the desire to use especially the 41-year-old Zeliko Raznjatovic, a newly elected member of the Serbian parliament who is wanted by police in the Netherlands, Germany and Sweden for violent crimes and has been named as a war criminal by Lawrence Eagleburger, the former U.S. secretary of state. His portrait, baby-faced in princely pose, decorates the Grand Hotel here, which serves as a kind of police headquarters. It is the city's main hotel, grand in name only (no bath plugs or toilet paper, few light bulbs). Koso-vo's Albanians dare not approach it.

Cafés, shops, even streets tend to be rigidly segregated, by mutual accord. There is a strange suspension as people go about their everyday lives, a certain fatalism while they await the future. Asked what they expect, Albanians speak of the conscience of the International Community. (They pronounce it in capital letters, as a distant savior.)

There are differences among them. The leadership calls for renewed autonomy; some insist on independence; no one openly asks for unification with Albania, al-though that is what the Serbs be-

lieve is the real goal. For Serbs, Kosovo is the heart of their nation, the shrine of identity. A stone tower marks the battlefield where Serbs were defeated by Turks in 1389. They cannot conceive of losing control of the land again.

Four Serbian officials, speaking separately but almost in the same words, said disdainfully of their ex-pectations. "The Albanians will never fight Serbs alone, only if foreign troops come in."

Shortly before giving up the presidency, George Bush drew a rhetorical line warning Belgrade against fighting in Kosovo. But no one knows what be had in mind, what the United States and the "International Community" would do if the current truce of hatred blew up.

the main crossing point on the road between Pristina and Skopje, the Macedonian capital, is one white armored personnel carrier, with one heavy machine gun. The mission of the four Canadian blue berets who man it is simply to watch and report.

They could do oothing else.

Prospects are not good for Ko-sovo, left to itself. It seems to be waiting its turn to explode when people get tired of fighting in Bos-nia, and the world gets tired of voicing concern.

Psychologically, the spillover has already started. Deprived of deserved recognition of independence because Greece objects, Macedonia has accepted ethnic power-sharing. There are Albanians in the government and parliament, representing about a quarter of the 2 million pop-ulation. But they, and the local Serbs (who are a little over 2 percent), are

restive. Trouble is contagious.

Nevzat Halili, leader of the Albanian party in Macedonia, talks of the Geneva map for chopping up Bosnia in antonomous units and The United Nations monitors the says that this is what he would like Macedonian side of the border, At for Macedonia — "without," he

adds with a dry laugh, "going through what happened before." The second largest Macedoman party, the Internal Macedonian Revolutionary Organization, not in the government, is adamantly na-tionalist and expansionist. It camed a fearful name for terrorism be-

tween the two world wars. Greece, although focusing on the name Macedonia for now, seems to prefer its inclusion in a Serbiandominated Yugoslavia. Official Enropean observers do not see why the United Nations does not also monitor Macedonia's Greek border. If Kosovo blows, sending out thou-sands of refugees, there is tinder to

spread the fire in all directions. No one could complain of lack of warning. This lowering war will not prevent itself. The key difference with earlier Balkan wars is that major outside powers are not pulling strings, jockeying for advantage by proxy. They have reason to join in decisive action to guarantee borders and protection of minorities. If they do not, they should know what to expect. History can repeat itself. © Flora Lewis.

Chinese Minorities in Southeast Asia Have Cause to Be Careful

HONG KONG — Not long ago, China Daily, Beijing's English-language news-paper, prominently displayed an article headined "Shared Heritage the Force Division the Charese Race." Is discussed the suppresed antional characteristics of the Chinese. These, it said, knew no geographic boundaries. The bonds of blood, cultural heritage and concern for the well-being of the motherland created a powerful force that could attract overseas Chinese capital to build the nation. Publications outside China have been saying similar things.

All this talk of blood and money, however, treads on issues that are highly sensitive in Southeast Asia, home of most overseas Chinese. Among the most sensitive is ethnicity and its relation to national loyalties. Could China's boom be as much a threat as

an opportunity for Asia's overseas Chinesel's The question might seem surprising when busi-nessmen from everywhere are rushing to capi-talize on China's economic liberalization. But the opportunity defines the problem. Capital is beginning to move out of Southeast Asia into big-ticket investments in China.

Most conspicuous have been some of the big Thai-Chinese and Indonesian-Chinese groups. For example, Bangkok Land, Thailand's big-gest property developer, recently announced a \$2 billion development in Beijing. The Charoen Pokphand Group, a Thai-based conglomerate, is heading a consortium for a \$3 billion petrochemical complex near Shanghai.

Licm Sioe Liong, a longtime business asso-ciate of Indonesia's President Suharto, is in-vesting heavily in China's Fujian Province, where he was born. So is the Lippo group, headed by the Indonesian tycoon Mochtar Riady, whose Chinese name is Li Wenzheng. These are just the most conspicuous of doz-ens of investments in China by overseas ChiBy Philip Bowring

nese. The attraction is mainly pragmatic; China has enormous potential for economic growth and profits. But sentiment plays a role, too. Southeast Asians of all ethnic backgrounds have long salted away part of their profits in Singapore, Hong Kong North America and Australia. Capital has moved quite freely around Asia, guided by rates of return and political risk. It has generally enhanced growth.

more sensitive. Latent animosity toward the overseas Chinese is a fact of life in the region. If trade and economies in the

But the current rush of capital to China is

region continue to grow rapidly, the relaxed view of China should prevail. If not, a search for scapegoats could begin.

For years, it has mostly been kept well below the surface of society as economics have pros-pered. A modus vivendi has been established between the Chinese business elites and the indigenous wielders of political power, as the latter have sought alliances with the Chinese to develop their own business empires. For years, China itself held no attraction while Southeast Asia provided high returns, high living standards and a relatively liberal social and economic environment. But this is changing. Ethnic pride in China's economic achievements, and in the global success of Chinese

understandable but is not always appreciated in countries where the Chinese are a commercially dominant minority. There is concern in Southeast Asia about a oussible capital shortage. Direct investment from Japan is continuing to slow. Meanwhile, finance for enormous levels of infrastructure

spending throughout the region is far outstripping growth in savings.

China is already attracting far more direct foreign investment than any other developing Asian country. This could become a political issue if local economies slow because cash is

tight and major local companies are seen to be committing huge sums to China. Some Indonesian Chinese firms, already vulnerable to charges of political dependence on the Suabout their enthusiasm for China. China's labor-intensive export industries, mostly based on foreign capital and marketing,

are beginning to crimp the growth of similar ones in Southeast Asia. For investors from Taiwan, Hong Kong and South Korea, cheap Chinese labor helps manufacturers stay competitive. But countries lower on the industrial scale, such as Thailand and Indonesia, will suffer. Although Asian countries have competed without rancor for export-oriented industries, China is on a vastly different scale.

China's self-confidence has flourished in step with the growth of its economy and the country's cmargence as a forthright player on the interna-tional scene. The declining military role of the United States in the Asia-Pacific region provides further opportunity to assert Chinese influence. Add China's burgeoning economic strength to its new naval and air power and its claims to much of the South Calam Sec. and it begans to be seen as a threat to the smaller nations of Asia. None of this should be exaggerated. Governments and businessmen, of whatever ethnic background, are aware of the positive role that China's economic expansion has made to re-gional growth in the past few years. There is a sense of regional economic community that transcends ethnic considerations. It is recognized that Chinese communities are best placed to develop China trade.

Nonetheless, there are stirrings of unease, Indonesian officials have acknowledged their existence by publicly defending, in President Subarto's name, investment by Indonesian Chinese in mainland China. This, it was argued, was not capital flight but a reasonable exploitation of new trade opportunities. If trade and economies in the region continue

to grow rapidly, the relaxed view of China could begin. Litewise, if there is any host from Beijing that it wants to involve itself in the affairs of ethnic Chinese outside China, whether for economic advantage or to enhance its territorial claims, other ethnic groups in Southeast Asia will take umbrage.

It has happened often in the past, as with the

Chinese Communist Party's attempts in the 1950s and '60s to use ethnic Chinese to spread revolution; Beijing's appeal in 1959 to Chinese to return to the motherland; the encouragement in 1979 of the exodus of Chinese from Vietnam.

Some things have changed. Countries are richer. The Cold War is over. Old Communist ideology is bankrupt. Nonetheless, Chinese minorities in Southeast Asia remain vulnerable to others' perceptions of their loyalties. If things do come unstuck, it will not be the super rich ethnic Chinese with their foreign investments and pass-ports who suffer most. It will be the small Chinese businessmen whose livelihood is local. Ethnic consciousness is a two-edged sword.

International Herald Tribune. The Trend: Reduced Incentive for Overseas Chinese to Assimilate

J AKARTA — It would be surpris-ing if the worldwide decline in ideology and the rise in ethnic consciousness left Southeast Asia unscathed. The estimated 18 million Chinese who live in this part of the world are one of the world's largest and most vulnerable minorities.

Despite a long legacy of interethnic bitterness, great progress has been made over the last generation toward assimilation of Chinese minorities and the building of national identities. The Singaporean identity, for example, is now a reality, not a political slogan as it was not so long ago. But several developments threaten

to undo integrationist trends in Southers: Asia and encourage Chi-nese communities to emphasize their ethnic solidarity. No single factor has promoted assimilation of Southeast Asian Chi-

nese more effectively than the triwhich effectively ended in China in 1979. Those idealistic but misguided Chinese who, although born in Southeast Asia, returned home to China during this period were invari-ably disillusioned. Word of their experience spread among the overseas Chinese. They quickly realized that they had no choice but to sink roots in their adopted homelands.

m their adopted homelands.

The declining importance of Communist ideology and practice, and the rapid economic development of China — particularly the southern regions close to Hong Kong and Taiwan — have dramatically improved China's image. Overseas Chinaes can now identify with China and take now identify with China and take pride in its economic achievements. With the brutal suppression of the democracy movement in 1989 a fading memory, millions of Chinese living and working abroad are going to visit the land of their ancestors. Many are young and impressionable.

China is making a major effort to By George Hicks

business enterprise, is increasing. The pride is

win the hearts of Chinese profession-als from Southeast Asia. While they often have relatively low status in Southeast Asia and are treated with indifference when they visit the West, they appreciate the red carpet treatment in China. Businessmen also receive a warm welcome.

The economic boom in southern China and the traditional skills of the overseas Chinese in oiling the wheels of bureaucracy provide plenty of op-portunity for profits. The successful overseas Chinese businessman gains a new dimension of economic activity unavailable to his Southeast Asian indigenous counterpart; the successful trader finds not only additional markets but often fresh sources of supply of parts or finished products that enable him to further strengthen his business in Southeast Asia.
The rapid rise of the four newly

industrialized economies of East Asia Singapore, Hong Kong, Taiwan and South Korea — is feeding Chi-nese ethnic pride. Except for Korea, all are overwhelmingly Chinese and their success is widely attributed to this factor, at least among Chinese. This tends to fuel chauvinism. Strengthened by the boom in southern China, Taiwan, Hong Kong

and Southeast Asia, a vast expansion of Chinese business is under way. More than a generation ago, in a search for good education for their children, foreign passports and a secure place to park funds, overseas Chinese began to send their children in ever greater numbers to schools in the West. After graduation, the chil-dren often stayed, establishing foreign branches of family businesses. Today, a growing web of Chinese business connections links the United States. Canada, Australia and East Asia making the Chinese major interna-tional players and serious challengers

to Japanese and Western interests. Another development opposing the integrationist trends of the last generation in Southeast Asia is the increasingly mobile nature of Chinese economic elites. For centuries, the nomic elites. For centuries, the Chinese have been quintessential so-journers, leaving China in search of a better life but always hoping to return one day. Most of the Chinese emigrants went to Southeast Asia. Before 1949, a majority used to return to China. This belief that the China entage. owed their first loyalty to China antagonized Southeast Asians. After the tri-

numbh of communism in China in 1949, overseas Chinese ceased to be sojourners in the traditional sense. Now, a new type of international Chinese has emerged. He frequently has dual or triple nationality and feels most at home wherever the process. Memoers or his immediate femby are invariably scattered around the Asia-Pacific region. Multiple places of residence leave him beyond the reach of any one taxing or immigration au-thority. The number of Chinese in this elite class is small, but they dispose of immense assets, receive extensive publicity and to some extent set the tone for the larger Chinese communities.

Growth and deregulation in the Southeast Asian economies in the

past couple of decades created opportunities that only the Chinese were in a position to seize. The bulk of the population benefited from Chinese-led economic growth, but the Chinese benefited most. Abolition of exchange controls freed overseas Chinese capital to seek the best available returns. The new emphasis on exports enabled Chinese to build international nest eggs and brought them into increasing contact with other Chinese on both sides of the Pacific.

Although the Chinese minorities in Southeast Asia remain politically impotent, the effect of sustained and rapid economic progress has been to sharply erode the capacity of indige-ous governments to control Chinese economic activity, while major Chimense influence over national eco-

nomic policies.

The transformation of China, the achievements of the newly industrialized economies of East Asia and the growth of intra-Pacific trade and investment, in which the overseas Chinese are key players, are all working together to reduce incentives for the Chinese to assimilate in Southeast Asian societies. They are also encouraging the Chinese minorities to iden-tify more closely with China

Although protitable in the short run, this is a very dangerous trend for the Chinese in Southeast Asia, where an obsession with profit is matched only by insensitivity toward the feelings of their host nations.

The economic success of China and the overseas Chinese in exploiting regional and international links that are beyond the reach of many indigenous businessmen is breeding an arrogance — and a countervaling force of ethnic nationalism that the Chinese may live to regret.

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IN OUR PAGES: 100, 75 AND 50 YEARS AGO

1893: The Economy, Sir

PARIS - The French Chambers, which were elected above all, as everyone knows, to discuss the budget of receipts and expenditure of the country, are hard at work, and a veritable dance of millions is going on at the Palais-Bourbon. It can easily be seen that the interest of the legislators is elsewhere, and that they are not there to economise the money of the unfortimate taxpayers, who, on their part, would like to see a little less politics and little more practical finance.

1918: U-Boat Warning

WASHINGTON - In his weekly summary Socretary of War Newton
D. Baker says: "As the time approaches when the enemy once more
will attempt to strike a decisive blow it must be admitted that he will not content himself with large-scale military operations. During the past two weeks the enemy's submarines have been recalled to port for repairs, and

We may expect the most puwerful offensive yet made against our lines of communication with France to interrupt the regular shipments of men and munitions for our armies and foodstuffs for our allies."

1943: Loyal Americans

WASHINGTON — [From our New York edition:] A revision of policy to ease restrictions on Americans of case restrictions on Americans of the case restrictions on Americans of the case of th Japanese ancestry and employ loyal Japanese ancestry and employ loyal ones in war work was announced today [Jan. 26] along with plans for an Army unit of Japanese-Americans. The Army Unit is to include infantry, artillery, engineer and medical personnel organized in a combat team. Henry L. Stimson, Secretary of War, said: "The War Department's action is part of a larger program which will enable all loyal American citizens of Japanese ancestry to make citizens of Japanese ancestry to make their proper contribution toward winning the war — through employment in war production as well as

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OPINION

Fahd's Number Isn't an Energy Policy

WASHINGTON — In an era when little else separates Democrats from Republicans, energy policy still does. Democrats persist in believing that a government should have one.

The Reagan and Bush administrations reduced energy policy to a single question: How do you get along with King Fahd of Saudi Arabia? The answer turned out to be more complicated than expected. When the need arises, you send half a million soldiers to protect King Fahd from Saddam Hussein. You keep Gulf oil flowing at prices low enough to keep inflation down but high enough not to bankrupt
American oil producers or King
Fahd. Everything else follows.
Now comes Treasury
Lloyd Bentsen to remind America

that Democrats have regained the White House — all the fur coats at the inaugural balls and millionaires in the cabinet notwithstanding.

Mr. Bentsen predicted over the weekend that the Clinton administration would probably enact a broadly based, still undefined en-ergy tax. His remarks launched a discussion of the need for a government program to discourage American consumption of energy, lessen dependence on foreign oil and, oh yes, reduce the budget deficit. He might as well have sung "Happy Days Are Here Again." In energy and tax policies —

they threaten to be synonymous in the Clinton years — the standardbearers of the Democratic and Re- to be cured. With less than 5 perpublican parties unfurl the funda-mentals of their secular faiths. Pursuing a belief in the perfectibility of man, Democrats use govern-

By Jim Hoagland

ment for national behavior modifi- pursuing cheap energy at any cost Arabia's importance. cation; modern Republicans see — rather than letting rising energy their role as facilitating the citizenry's instinct for self-gratification. For many activist Democrats, America's appetite for cheap ener-gy, and particularly for cheap oil, is a thing of ugliness, to be deplored and curbed by laxes, quotas or cat-tle prods if necessary. The oil-as-heroin philosophy enveloped Wash-ington last when Jimmy Carter was

in the White House. Voters rejected that philosophy, and it left town with Mr. Carter. Under Ronald Reagan and George Bush, America's appetite for cheap energy was a maw to be fed, with the help of Middle Eastern kings, emirs and sultans. Republican energy policy was foreign policy.

The grandest moment of the Bush presidency, Operation Desert Storm, had at its core an argument about oil pricing levels within the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries. And one of Desert Storm's principal consequences was trade sanctions, which have shut in Iraq's bountiful oil production and kept the prices that King Fahd and the rest of OPEC charge in a re-spectable range. With Iraq back in

production, prices would plummet.
The economic facts of life support the Democrats' moralistic view of cheap energy as a debilitat-ing national addiction that needs cent of the globe's population America uses nearly 25 percent of the world's energy resources.

The ultimate consequences of

attention of the incoming Demo-crats and remind them of Saudi

on industry and consumers - can be seen in the collapse of the rigid economic structure of the former Soviet Union and Eastern Europe. In contrast, Japan and Germany built their remarkable economic

performances in the 1980s on sepa-rate but similarly disciplined ad-justments to high-cost energy. But oil is not only about eco-nomics or morality, as Mr. Carter discovered to his grief. It is also about politics. Oil is the most con-tradictory and political of commodities: cheap to produce but expensive to replace, vital to world economic growth but destructive of the environment. For Middle Eastern states that have small populations and large petroleum reserves, the laws of supply and de-

mand follow political decisions. Saudi Arabia has just underlined that point by calling for a cut of one million barrels a day (about 5 percent of present production) by OPEC to bolster sagging prices. Like Saddam Hussein's movement of missiles, the Saudi call for production cuts is intended to get the

At home, some prominent Democrais who experienced the Carter years from the inside are warning the Clinton team of the political dangers of singling out America's prohiligate gasoline use as the source for new government revenue.

One well-reasoned position paper circulating inside the new administration, written by a party elder statesman, Lloyd Cutler, suggests a consumption-based tax to be levied on vehicle registrations as an alternative to the big new gasoline tax that others want to see. The vehicle tax would be levied and collected by the states, split with the federal government and weighted to reward those who bought fuel-efficient cars.

Tying America's revenue problems into one politically volatile package with its energy problems is a high-risk undertaking. But the Democrats have little choice, given the constraints on raising revenue through other means. Unlike Presidents Reagan and Bush, President Clinton will have to do more about energy than remember King Fahd's telephone number.

The Bashington Post.

Everybody Does It'? Tell That to Zoë

A LBUQUERQUE, New Mexico --- At 6:35 A.M. on Jan. 20, a Bernalillo County deputy sheriff named Mark Samrock stopped a car on a highway near here and began writing a taket charging the driver with speeding — 45 miles per hour in a 35 mile per hour zone. The driver, Virgil Rhodes, stepped out and asked the deputy if he knew who he was talking to — and Deputy Samrock said he did not. "Well," Mr. Rhodes said, "you're going to find out about it in a goddamned hurry."

Mr. Rhodes it turned out is a state senator.

Mr. Rhodes, it turned out, is a state senator, and in the course of verbally beating up on

MEANWHILE

Deputy Samrock, quoted (correctly) an 80year-old state law prohibiting the arrest of state legislators for most infractions short of homicide or treason, if they are on their way to the capitol in Santa Fe.
"Who you are isn't the issue; the issue is

that you violated the law," said the deputy, who was carrying a tape recorder, as many policemen do to try to protect themselves in these times of privilege and lawsuits. "Do me a favor, sir, stop with the intimidation."

Mr. Rhodes ended by saying: "I'm going to drive like hell to get up there to the legislative meeting, and if you try to follow me, you're

going to find out ... "
The next day, Deputy Samrock's chief

By Richard Reeves

killed the ticket, citing the old law. But by then the press had gotten hold of the tape, and telephones were ringing all over the state in the offices of other legislators and officials. The people wanted to know: "Who does this guy Rhodes think he is?"

guy Rhodes think he is?"

A day later, without being charged, Mr. Rhodes went to traffic court and asked for permission to pay his \$31 fine.

The voice of the people is heard in the land. Its code name is "Zoë" — the message, a populist one, is, as Bill Clinton said during his campaign, that we are all supposed to be playing by the same rules. The rules say \$507,000-a-war insurance company languages should not be year insurance company lawyers should not be able to buy their way out of child-care problems by hiring illegal aliens. I, like many people, including President Clinton, was quite surprised to see Zoë Baird bowing out as attorney general-designate for doing that.

I was thrilled to watch the Baird business and the thrilled in watch the Baird business.

and to see the winds from the plains and the plainer people blow away the world-weary words of our leadership class sighing: "Ev-erybody does it."

Breaking the law, that is. Well, everybody does not do it, and everybody does not get away with it. This came as a shock to people of political or economic power, who take for granted both great privileges and getting away

with all but the most egregious felonies. Populist ideas like this will soon be atlacked as just cavious privilege-bashing. Well, so it is. But those of us with privileges, proba-

bly hard-earned ones, have been called to the bar of public opinion — and it is about time. We will probably be better for it. My business, the press, is among the American elites who have lost their way. Not so much because we have so many privileges ourselves, but be-cause we have stopped reflecting the populist anger of those who have none. We lost contact with millions of readers and viewers as we

became better educated and better paid. The tabloid press, which once served and titillated what used to be called "the common man," is now gone. That created a vacuum, which has, we now see, been filled by a new kind of popular penny press largely dominated by talk radio and TV. The more respectable of us, as we see ourselves, lost a big part of our franchise when we lost our sense of ourrage. Franchise when we lost our sense of outrage. Politicians did the same thing to themselves, abandoning Main Street for Wall Street and K. Street, Washington's boulevard of lobbyists and other overrespected privilege dispensers. Is all this unfair to Virgil and Zoë? Probably is. But they and Bill Clinton and the wizards of Wall Street had better get used to the peause the rest of the nation thinks that

it, because the rest of the nation thinks that people like us have been unfair to them for too long. Watch yourself, ruling class! Universal Press Syndicate.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Looking at Germany: An Ongoing Debate

Regarding "Germany: The Descendants Are Plain Dangerous" (Opinion, Jan. 8) by Michael Peterson:

and his son encountered to draw a Mr. Peterson, identified himself and

In the first event, his 17-year-old son, a year under the legal driving age, had a one-car accident on the autobahn, was stopped by police while walking nearby, handcuffed and brought to a police station. In the second, his son had to

change the name of a support drive for Romania from "Help for Romama" to "Humanitarian Aid," so as "not to offend the sensibilities of the Germans who are in the process of deporting Romanians."

In the third, Mr. Peterson was caught dumping garbage, without authorization, in a trash bin at a highway rest area.

In the Jan. 15 issue of Die Zeit, a respected German weekly, a lawyer who had access to the files and spoke to people involved found that Mr. Peterson's description of the events did not fit the facts. In two of the three cases the German authorities acted correctly. In the third event - the aid drive to be held at the U.S. air base in Frankafurt - Germans were not involved.

GEROLD WIEBER. Darmstadt, Germany.

As an American living in Germany, I became concerned that Mr. mans have forfeited forever any Peterson's personal circumstances were being used to condemn all Germans. I decided that such a condemnation of an entire country and its people should not be taken

at face value.

I determined from the regional police office at Darmstadt that in the automobile accident involving the automobile accident involving forward to spending the Mr. Peterson's son, police were sum-moned to the scene at 11:40 P.M. on next 20 years and possibly more in Nov. 6 and found evidence of a this country and do not expect to

lometers (2 miles). At a parking nationals, more rights than many area, they found an American-licensed Chevrolet with damage to the fender and no left front tire. The engine was still hot but there

was no one around. The police officers drove back onto the antobaim. They shortly en-countered a young man walking along the shoulder of the road. This

alcohol and placed the youth under should have known better," for givarrest. When they discovered the ing Mr. Peterson space for his artikeys to the car in his pocket, they cle. While disagreeing with Mr. Pehandcuffed him, normal procedure for police everywhere. The young man's breath tested positive for almost br cohol Because the family is connected with the American military, the case was transferred that night

THE LEAD

to the U.S. military police. In the second incident, Mr. Peterson says that on discarding a terson says that on discarding a and was warned of one. I told my son he might be a target for a dissimulation campaign. We are not surprised, and I stand by everything in my article. All this does is reaffirm my badges," suggesting that there was badges," suggesting that there was badges, suggesting that the trash more than one police officer. Mr. fear of what is happening in Germany, and reinforces the thrust of my. Peterson also implies that the trash being thrown away was small, perhaps lunch-bag size.

In fact, Mr. Peterson was observed by a civilian employee of the police department driving into the service plaza and taking a sizable trash bag from his car. He placed it in the commercial trash containers Ton. 8) by Michael Peterson: belonging to the rest area. The po-lice-department worker approached dmonished Mr. Peterson for placing what appeared to be personal trash from the Peterson home in the service plaza trash containers.

In Germany, as elsewhere, people have to pay for trash removal. Mr. Peterson fails to acknowledge that if a person were to dump his household trash in the United States under similar circumstances,

he would get a summons.

Ironically, as I drove home from Darmstadt, I had a flat tire. As I pulled into a parking area, a police car followed. An officer asked whether we were all right and needed any assistance. We assured him we were fine, and the police car left. A few moments later a German citizen stopped and, without being asked, helped me change the tire. DENNIS P. LYONS. Leimen, Germany.

As an Italian who has been living in Germany, I find the three episodes utterly undeserving of comment, except for the hatred they seem to inspire in Mr. Peterson toward everything German.

GIANFRANCO BONETTI

Mr. Peterson says that "Gerright to exercise the freedom to hate or terrorize." I like to think that is nobody's privilege.

ADOLF SPANGENBERG.

crash —a blown tire, pieces of a left front fender. No car was present. The two police officers drove north on the autobahn about 3 ki-

IAN S. NORRIS.

Why your otherwise excellent newpaper allows such garbage to be printed is beyond me. STEPHEN A. KALTHOFF.

Livermore, California. was Mr. Peterson's son. The police A rebuttal in the daily Frankfurt-asked if he had abandoned his car. He said that his car had been stolen tional Herald Tribune, "a large The officers detected an odor of American newspaper ... that

> JOHN F. MCELHENNY. Bologna, Italy.

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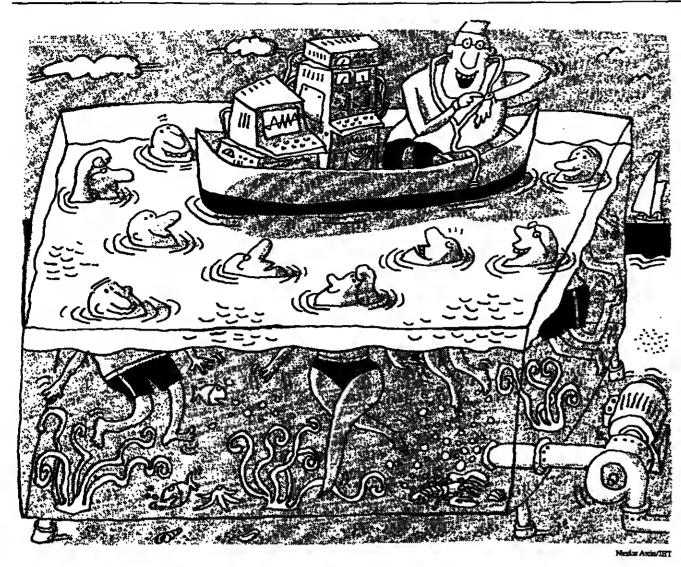
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Down by the Sea for Health

By Alexander Lobrano

ARIS - Almost ever since mankind's aacestors first slithered ashore, people have considered a good dip in the sea to be one of life's greatest pleasures. Maybe it's due to some prehistoric oostalgia, or it could be explained by the fact that the chemical composition of human blood closely ressembles seawater.
This simple and broadly shared pleasure is

the bottom line reason for the huge populari-ty in France of a series of marine-based spa treatments that are collectively known as thalassothérapie.

The core principle of thalassotherapie is that systematic immersions in seawater can help to restore the body's basic chemical balance, specifically renewing our reserves of magnesium, iodine, calcium and other oligoelements that are naturally found in the blood in only trace dosages and which are easily depleted by stress, bad diet and pollution.

As is indicated by archaeological sites like the Ralneus de Saint Hilaire, a ruined Ro-man spa oa the lie Noirmoutier in the Atlantie just off the coast from the Vendée region of France, this is aot a new idea. The benefits of seawater, sea mud and seaweed have been recognized by a variety of cultures throughout history. Io the Vendée, for example, the locals have been dabbing themselves with sea mud to heal wounds and cure rhoumatism for centuries. The first medically systematic scawater therapy institute was founded at Margate in England in the late 17th century by Dr. Richard Russell and Russell's treatments were later adopted by the initial French institute, which was found-

ed in Dieppe in 1778, The modern incarnation of marine medicine places an emphasis aot only on the invigorating aspects of scawater, however, but also targets the most broadly afflicting malady to be found in most developed countries - stress. "Many of our customers are so exhausted and anxious when they arrive that they go into sort of a state of shock once they start to relax." says Cecile Lagarrigue, director of the Thermes Marins, a thalassotherapy center in Saint-Jean-de-Monts ou the Atlantic ocean in the Vendée

"So we aim to help people re-achieve their personal equilibrium, both physically and mentally. A warm, friendly environment, as opposed to the cold, clinical nature of many traditional spas, is the first key to helping

people let go," adds Lagarrigue. Like almost all French sea-spa centers, the Thermes Marins is an attractive modern structure minutes from beautiful beaches. Such a setting, along with the fact that spa cures are, on an individual-case basis, some-

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times reimbursed by the French national health system, goes a long way towards ex-plaining the popularity of thalassotherapie in France. Since clean seawater is crucial in most thalassotherapic centers you never come in contact with fresh water — these spas often occupy stunning coastal sites near

appealing cities and towns.

Among the 30-odd thalassotherapie centers in France there are institutes in Dinard, Saint-Malo, Quiberon and Belle Ile sur Mer in Brittany, La Baule, Les Sables d'Olonne and Biaritz on the Atlantic and Hyères, Cap. d'Agde, La Grande Motte, Port Camargus and Porticcio (Corsica) along the Mediterra-

After being popularized among the jet set by Louison Bobet and other early postwar practitioners, the most recent French take on

The ocean's benefits have been recognized by cultures throughout history.

the benefits of seawater began in earnest in lassotherapy center in Quiberon. This center pioneered many of the treatments that have since become standard parts of a thalassothcrapic cure, including scaweed baths and acrosol inhalations of various marine essences, the idea here being to re-create the energizing aegative ion mists that are naturally present at the beach.

HE treatments included in your cure will depend on what your motivations are. The most common program is a "remise en forme," or a general physical renewal, with the goal of leaving you well-exercized, relaxed and in a. generally good physical equilibrium. Other programs are designed for pregnant and post-delivery women, people who want to lose weight and/or stop smoking or drinking, as well as stroke patients, people who suffer from arthritis, rheumatism and a variety of other illnesses. Most experts suggest a weeklong cure, but many spas also have three-day and four-day programs. Note as well that almost every center also offers aesthetic treatments — facials, pedicures,

A recent weekend remise en forme program at the Thalassa Hyères, which opened in June 1992, began with the doctor's visit that is required by all centers. After the doctor had filled out a questionnaire and done a reasonably thorough exam, the doctor diagnosed the patient, quite correctly, as

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suffering from stress, a fatty diet and a lack of exercise. Her prescription was an everyother-day program consisting of seaweed therapy, a seance of saltwater jets, a highpressure hosing down, and a whirlpool massage bath, seaweed therapy, the underwater jets again and another hosing down. This round of treatments lasted about four hours every morning. In between, there was a sauna, steamroom, and, in the summer, a huge terrace overlooking the Mediterranean.

If all of the treatments were pleasant, it was the whiripool hath dosed with powdered seaweed and sea minerals that was really delightful. Seaweed therapy took a bit of getting used to, the first step being to assume a breezy attitude when you're lying naked on an examination table (most of the center's staff are female), but then this probably wouldn't be a problem for anyone coming from spa country, which, in Europe roughly follows the outlines of the Roman Empire.

The attendant paints your body with a green paste of hot seaweed, wraps you in giant sheets of plastie wrap, covers you with a heat-reflective blanket and then leaves you to bake for 10 minutes. The idea is to facilitate an interaction between the different varieties of seaweed that possess an array of attractive properties, including a natural antibiotic action and a concentration of essential minerals 50 to 10,000 times more intense than is found in seawater. Highpowered hosings are designed to loosen cellulite and facilitate circulation, while most of the baths are intended to relax and impregnate you with good things from the sea.

And the verdiet? Along with a general glow of well-being and softer skin, thalassotherapie produces an astonishing capacity to consume a huge lunch and nap all afternooo with great success.

Anyone who speaks French and is seriously planning a thalassotherapie retreat might be well advised to consult "Le Guide de la Remise en Forme" by Cecile Debayle (M. A. Editions), a spa guide that describes and rates the various centers, as well as recommending restaurants and historical attractions in the vicinity.

The Accor Group runs 10 thalassotherapie centers all over France. For more infor-mation call Destination Thalassotherapie at 45.51.19.22. Other centers: Les Thermes Marins de Saint-Jean-de Mons, Avenue de Pays de Monts, 85160 Saint-Jean-de-Monts, tel: 51.59.18.18. and Les Thermes Marins de Saint-Malo, Grande Plage du Silon, BP 32, 35401 Saint-Malo, tel. 99.40.75.75.

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A Social Triumph for de la Renta

By Suzy Merikes International Herald Tribune

ARIS - If social clout counts, Oscar de la Renta has had the biggest hit in town. His Balmain show Thursday that closed the countre week had the longest linear of the swankiest clients who just loved it all: the oh-so-wearable suits; the oh-such-pretty chiffons; the joy of having the Prince Charming of American fashion in Paris couture.
"Perfectly beautiful," breathed
Barbara Walters.

"Very nice, very casual, very well-cut, I will surely buy it," said Marie-Helène de Rothschild, in fur-trimmed Saint Laurent.

"I thought it was wonderful — I loved the chiffon," said Venet-suited Mica Ertegun.
"Real clothes, for real people. like Balmam did," said Ghislaine

de Polignac, in a chic purple Guy Laroche suit "Tm very proud for America." said the outgoing ambassador's wife Mary Curley, wearing a bright patchwork Givenchy jacket.

Valentino, who went kiss, kiss, kiss past the ladies in de la Renta's audience, paid a handsome tribute.
"Oscar did a good jab for the house of Balmain," he said."He knows what women want. I don't feel he is a competitor. Everyone

The show at the packed Ecole des Beaux Arts was a social hap-peniag. But what about the clothes? They were pretty nice. Even nice and pretty. Put the combination any way you like as de la Renta did when his suits came out in pairs, a curving paneled jacket long, or a bit shorter, with skirts ditto. Two flirty vents at the back stopped the over-the-knee skirts from looking dowdy. Deepcrowned hats gave some pizzazz.
Well, that's what the ladies want:

a suit in pale cream; a suit in navy with a touch of white; a chiffon dress with a few graceful pleats. So, the black organdy, tiered dresses looked like Chanel. But there was a rose instead of a camellia. And anyway, Lagerfeld is off and away on another fashion trip.

If the day clothes were conventional, de la Renta did pretty things at might with light layers of lace and raffia embroidery. He made a cou-ple of mild show-stoppers: a punched gold leather jacket and a

sweeping copper faille coat. Marella Agnelli, sleek in a green Givenchy suit, had the last word on Couturier rivalry.
You pat me in a great embarrassment," she said. "This collec-

tion I think I prefer Oscar, but aext

Valentino sent out a very pretty, light-handed collection that caught



Oscar de la Renta takes his bow at Balmain.

needed a sweet tooth and a penchant for decoration to take it. "Very pretty, very primavera, very light — the dresses weigh only two grams," claimed Valentino.

Although the clothes were airy and easy, nothing - from a scalloped coller to the pants with a frill of chiffon at the ankle - escapes lace all over the collar, Lace has

David Dinkins.

fashion's ethereal spirit - hut you Valentino's lust for decoration. Like a pastry chef in thrall to his skills, he can't let a skirt go by without making a millefeuille of chiffon layers. A simple black jacket? Ont with the whipped cream for a trickle of white round the edges. The vest underneath gets pleats. The blouse with it has a tracery of

medallico inserts of some wedding-cake of a cathedral. Gloves and shoes look like a lace doily. Valentino's main trick — a daz-

zling piece of couture craftsmanship - was to use tiny tubes of silk as though whipped cream had been piped over the bosom. Even Ladies Who Lunch cannot

live on pastries alone. Pantsuits for day were fine — a soft crepe cardigan jacket with a ruffled edge or a briefer bolero. Bot Valentino's over-the-knee skirts, from pareo drapes to fancy ribbon decoration were indigestible. He served up light skirts at night

It was an emotional momen when Hubert de Givenchy, wearing a black moorning tie and visibly overwhelmed, took a brief how at the end of his show. The most distinguished of conturiers would never have been so vulgar as to dedi-cate his elegant collection to the late Audrey Hepburn, his friend and muse for 40 years until her death last week. Yet her gamine spirit was stitched in every seam of the aeat navy suits with white pique collect the death against the discount of the seat navy suits with white pique collect the death and the seat navy suits with white pique collars, the slim dresses with dis creetly cutaway backs; the chic.

Jackets were cropped short -a strong tendency this couture sea-son — pants soft, and skirts, as at all the conventional houses, above the knee. The gusts of change in current fashion blew here as a gen-tle breeze. Givenchy caught the hot wind from Africa in mildly tribal prints on silk. Bared midniffs at night also gave dash to the slim-line summer evening clothes.

The distance between the wild shores of fashion creativity colorized by ready-to-wear and the familiar landscape of client conture has never seemed so huge as this season. It was underlined Thorsday when fashion pros had the surreal experience of going from the Balmain couture collection for summer, to the autumn/winter show of avant-gardist Yohji Yamamoto, who kicked off the menswear sea-

What is ultimately the point of the couture shows? To serve clients. who this season included veiled princesses from Bahrain as well as American socialites? To attract media attention? To boost the image of a house for a luxury conglomerate? The confusioa was epitomized by Oscar de la Renta's Bahmain show, where a scrubby display of the hoose's new watch design greeted arriving guests.

There were two stand-out shows in the Paris week: Chanel, where Lagerfeld gets high-voltage energy and a modern spirit on the runway; and Christian Lacroix, who is an artist and brings a fresh spirit to the traditional crafts of haute couture.

Greek Classics: Athens' Ouzo Bars &

After maaths of protests, diatribes and sitdowns, New York City

is trying another approach to racial healing. An assortment of top comics will appear June 6 at the Lincoln Center in a benefit for

the city's Increase the Peace volunteers, a group that works to ease racial tensions around the Big Apple. The show will be part of a

10-day comedy festival that promises to bring dozens of comedians

King tolo AP. "This could not have come at a better time. We've got

who could use a good lans

to the city from June 3-12, the organizer and comedian Alan

By Cynthia Hacinli

THENS - Tavernas get all the press, but the ouzeri may well be the definitive dining experience in Athens. These bars-cum-eateries, the Greek answer to the tapas har, offer a window oo the city's social life and cuisine. Casual and affordable, ouzeris are the place to dish with friends and family over a spread of Greek appetizers, known as mezedes.

Ouzeris take their name from the national drink, the clear anise-flavored aperitif, ouzo. Twenty years ago, the ouzer was essentially a workingman's bar, a place to stop off after a long day for a drink and a plate of tzatziki. Of late, though, the ouzer has caught on with the middle and upper classes who gather there for hunch or dinner. Typically, an ouzeri will offer several brands of ouzo, Greek wines and European and American beers.

In Athens, many ouzer's seem to be oear areas visitors frequent, but for some reason, they attract few tourists.

Apotsos, a couple of blocks from Syntagma Square, is oldest of the lot. It was originally a grocery that opened in another location in 1905. Walls painted brick red lend warmth to the cavernous room, and the dozens of vintage posters from the days when ads for Pommery Champagne came on painted tin would dazzle a collector. Given

the clatter of plates and the conversational hum, it's easy to see why Apotsos is such a hit with politicians and media types at lunch: Secret deals stay secret. And if one needs to make a quick exit, parliament is but a few blocks away.

Hundreds of bottles of ouzo and wine line the shelves against the wall. An acquired taste for many, ouzo can be ordered straight, but most prefer one part ouzo to two parts water. One can order off Apotsos's extensive menu or point to choices behind the glass

At To Gerami, pick-and-point is the modus operandi. On a quiet street in the Plaka, this is old-world charm, Greek style. A canvas-canopied purch with trellised grapevines is a wel-come retreat after a trek to the Acropolis or a stroll through the Plaka's maze of gold and leather shops.

While the veranda and skinny second floor balconies are the obvious places to sit on a sunny day, it's worth taking a turn inside. The whole tableau has a cinematic quality, and that's half the attraction of the place.

No less picturesque is Avyssinia, in the flea market district north of the Plaka known as Monastiraki. An odd assortment of shops lines these narrow, winding streets. During the week Avyssinia is an elegant oasis from the bustle. On weekends, the two or three outdoor tables give way to more than a dozen and Avyssinia Square, which doesn't appear

on any map, becomes a magnet for hip Athenians who tool up on their Harleys and join the resident accordionist in song. A cynic might characterize this as another scene out of an updated "Zorba," but it's great fun.

Two other ouzeris that take a modern approach to classic Greek fare are Giali Kafene and To Kalenio, both in the chie Kolonaki neighborhood on the southern slope of Mount Lycabettus. Patrons here tend to be wellheeled and a bit older than at the others. Giali Kafene, on a tony residential street. has a few umbrella tables spilling ooto the

sidewalk, but most diners sit inside at small marble tables crammed together, French bis-To Kafenio, one block over, has more of a

restaurant feel, with well-spaced tables, wainscoted walls and a sleek glass and wood: door-window at the entrance. To Kafenio's elegance doesn't dampen the

spirits of the crowd. Couples, families, a group of women out for a night on the town are all chatting animatedly. Gazing around one is reminded of the ancients who gathered in a marketplace not far from here to talk, to argue and to learn. One of them, Euripides, would have found it all good theater.

Cynthia Hacinli, who writes frequently about food and travel, wrote this for The New 1.2%

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THE MOVIE

'Guncrazy' U.S.

Directed by Tamra Davis,

That there's life for film noir in the 1990s is stumingly apparent in "Gunerazy," an accomplished, cruelly entertaining movie. As its murderous young lovers it stars James Le Gros and Drew Barrymore, who gives the kind of performance that can transform a sweetly competent actress into a major screen per-sonality. "Guncrazy" is vulgar and contemporary, though its roots reach back into cinema history. The film pays homage to its predecessors — Fritz Lang's "You Only Live Once" (1937) and Nicholas Ray's They Live by Night" (1949) — while also sending them up. The film was inspired by, but is in no way a temake of, Joseph H. Lewis's 1950 cult favorite, "Gun Crazy," whose lovers go off on a crime spree that's really an extension of their erotic obsession with

each other. The new film has

even more in common with Ter-

ence Malick's seminal "Bad-

lands" (1973). Taking Matthew

Bright's excellent screenplay,

Davis has made a rich melodrama with a strong narrative line and vivid characters. There's no wasted space in this movie. Evcry second counts (Vincent Canby/NYT)

'Hexed' Directed by Alan Spencer. U.S.

"Hexed" could just as well be titled "Sketched" — it feels like a comedy club parody of "Basic Instinct" and "Fatal Attraction." Unfortunately, "Body of Evidence" beat it to the punch lines. This one features screamscene veteran Claudia Christian as Hexina, a glamorous model being blackmailed over a little mass murder she committed in her youth, when she was fat and funky. She has had a makeover but she's still quite mad, which doesn't bode well for the scheming hotel clerk played by Arye Gross, who has oo idea that his infatuation with Hexina is about to become dangerous. Thinking he's the blackmailer, she beds Gross and then tries to kill him.

Because Gross is a liar of the

first magnitude, no one believes his story, and the film revolves around this familiar boy-whocries-wolf plot device. Christian shows a certain manic energy and humor as Hexina, but "Hexed" suffers from its cobbled-together look and sound. (Hal Hinson/WP)

Peter's Friends Directed by Kenneth Branagh, U. K. Kenneth Branagh and Emma

Thompson, Britain's theatrical royals, are so gifted at ensemble comedy that they can take a sad song — old college friends re-uniting at a family estate during Christmas - and make it better. Many of the actors have played together since Cambridge, making the movie twice a reunion. There are hidden relationships (Phyllida Law, who plays the governess, is Thompson's mother.) and in jokes. Stephen Fry plays a tender Peter, in love with all his friends; there's Alphonsia Emmanuel, a moody sexpot; Imeida Stauotoo, a dowdy housewife who wakes and sings;



Alphonsia Emmanuel in "Peter's Friends."

and Thompson as a beguiling maid mad to marry. Stand-up comedian Rita Rudner wrote the script and plays a Hollywood wife opposite Branagh, a boozing producer. It's an antic on the somber theme of aging with wild and sad moments, spinsters and Jamesian bachelors who look as if they had just been sprung from an older England. (Joan Dupont/IHT)

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New Food Star Rises in France

By Patricia Wells International Herold Tribune

AINT-ETTENNE, France - Diners searching for the key to the future of grand French cuisine need only take a detour to the city of Saint-Etienne -65 kilometers (40 miles) southwest of Lyon - where the 42-year-old Pietre Gagnaire continues to offer e personal style of cooking filled with art, poetry, endacity, and rich, classical flavors.

The tall, blonde, energetic Michelin two-star chef (and a worthy candidate for e coveted third star) recently transferred his restaurant from an airy, loft-like space in the center of town, to a perfectly classic Art Deco mansion, built by a local pharmacist in 1930 as a house designed for gastronomic celebration.

Open since September, Pierre Gagnaire's new restaurant (replacing the space he occu-pied in Saint-Etienne since 1981) displays to best advantage the chef's love affair with all that's modern and thoughtfully designed.

Like Gagnaire's cuisine — a poetic style grounded in the classics but offering bold touches of creativity, enthusiasm and humor — the house fuses past, present and future artistic traditions. The dining experience, in fact, is much like that of feasting in a bright, modern, living museum, where many shades of white and ivory serve as background for bold touches of plum, celery, tomato, and

THE cuisine, refined but not overly serious, follows suit with an enthusiastic mix of herbs, spices, reductions of fruits and juices, to create unusual but ever satisfying flavors. Gagnaire classics, such as his tempura of langonstines or giant prawns, rabbit cooked in the rich red wine of Hermitage, or duck roasted with cinnamon, are included, along with such in-novative dishes as a cream of white beans and truffles, lettuce leaves stuffed with Bresse hen livers, sautéed periwinkles, sliced truffles and celery root; crusty potatoes with farm-raised quail, whole grains of roasted chocolate and lacquered foie gras; and wild-thyme roasted

saddle of hare, with a compote of red cabbase, purple plums and red current juice.

The wine selection is vast and varied: Recently sampled gems include a crisp and mildly acidic white 1991 Menetou-Salon, Domaine Henry Pellé, from the Loire, and a smooth and warming 1988 red Saint-Joseph, from Pierre Gaillard in the Rhône valley.

For a young man who was born in a hamlet of 300 inhabitants and from birth was destined to take over the family's modest and ultratraditional auberge, Gagnaire has bartled to be different and make the traditional dining expe-rience a bit different. He remains in his adopted gray, lifeless city of Saint-Etienne, "without e view of the sea, without majestic mountains, without e picturesque countryside" because his clients have kept him there. Let's hope they let him stay on.

Pierre Gagnaire, 7 Rue Richelandière, 42000 Saint-Etienne, France. Closed Sunday evenings, Feb. 13 to 26 and Aug. 14 to 23. Tel: 77.42.30.90. Fax: 77.42.30.95. Menus at 260. 390, 465, and 635 francs. A la carte, about 600 francs, not including wine.

Piave Rafts: Old Venice's Lifeline

By Roderick Conway Morris

ODISAGGO, Italy - Late last summer three craft appeared in Venice of a type that had not been seen there for well over half a century. They were rafts, crewed by villagers from the Belluno region, that had made their way down the river Piave from the Dolomites to the sea. In Venice's heyday 3,000 or more such rafts made this ardnous and frequently hair-raising journey every year, shooting the Piave's rapids and negotiating its shifting shoals on the way to the lagoon, to bring wood for buildings, boats and the sea-going vessels on which the Venice's power and wealth depended.

Traditional rafting on the Piave came to an end in the late 1920s, when the first dams for hydroelectricity and irrigation interrupted its flow and railways began to offer a cheaper alternative for freight. But happily the children and grandchildren of the last zattieri, or rafters, learned the art of building and navigating the craft before the last oldtimers died during the 1980s.

Last summer's expedition, timed to commemorate the Venetian Republic's granting of a special charter to the Guild of Piave Rafters in 1492, was far from a singular event. At Codissago — one of the mountain communities north of Belluno that for hundreds of years lived by collecting and cutting timber, and constructing and navigating rafts — the villagers have set up an International Center for Raft Studies to gather ma-terial on the story of rafting, and have created a rafting museum. Nor is the

the Codissago initiative has already during the last few years stimulated the revival of rafting for study and pleasure in Austria. Finland, France, Germany, Spain and Sweden, and information and contacts are being sought in countries as far-flung as Bolivia,

Romania, Thailand and China. "Rafting on the Piave," said Giovanni Caniato, e Venetian historian, archivist and former professional waterman, "goes back at least to 1200 B. C. And, in the time of the Venetian Republic, it became a very large and sophisticated operation."

Venetian merchants owned forests, orga-

nized the selection and felling of the timber and had it brought down to their own waterpowered sawmills on the banks of the Piave. There, the wood was cut into standard size planks and beams, and bound together with specially-cultivated hazel sapings, which were flexible and could be knotted, but were much stronger than rope.
"Though other goods such as charcoal, iron

and livestock were sometimes carried, the essential merchandise was the raft itself," said

NORMAL raft was nearly 20 feet (6 meters) long and weighed around 20 tons. Guiding one with three, and later four, steering oars was exhausting and perilous. At several points along the way, the crews would hand their rafts over to a new team and return on foot to their own village — these "Rafters' Paths" being amply supplied with hostehies offering wine, women and song to relieve the rafters of their wages. When the rafts finally reached Venice they were dismantled, often on that section of the city's foreshore still called Le

Zattere ("the Rafts").

The system of staging and changing crews could not, however, be used in the case of the massive rafts built to convey exceptionally long sections of timber destined for the shipyards of Venice's Arsenal. "These rafts were 30 to 35 meters long." Caniato said, "and once they were launched they were just about unstoppable, so the same crew stayed aboard all the way down to the lagoon."

When regular rating ceased on the Piave, said Franco Da Rif, the Codissago museum's director, some of the men from there and the neighboring villages set out to seek their for-tunes elsewhere.

On e recent trip to Austria, Da Rif met rafters who had worked with Pieve migrants, and discovered that the introduction of the Italians' more expert techniques for building the craft had made it possible to construct rafts higher upstream, since they were better eble to withstand white-water buffeting.

"We aim," said Da Rif, "to meet in different countries every year, build rafts, and make a journey. This year we'll be on the Klaralven in Sweden in early August, and before that we hope to be on the Durance in southeast France in May."

The Centro Internazionale di Studi sulle Zattere is at Via XX Sottembre 14, 32010 Codissago di Castelvazzo, Belluno, Italy. Tel: 043.777.2371/771057. Fax: 043.777.2373.

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AUSTRIA

Vienna

Kunsthistorisches Museum (tel S2.177). To June 27: "Die Welt der Maya." More than 300 objects ex-plore the world of the Mayas, ranging from Belize, El Salvador and Guatemale to Honduras and Mexico.

BELGIUM

Antwerp Koninkilik Museum voor Schone (tel: 238.78.09). To March 7: "De Bruegel e Rubers: L'Ecole de Anversoise, 1550-1650." One hundred and frity works by local artists such as Frans Floris, Maarten de Vos, Pourbre Spilders and Wen Dijnk bus, Snijders and Van Dijck.

BRITAIN Cambridge The Fitzwilliam Museum (tel: 332.900). To March 28: "Battle's Fruitless Harvest: The War Genera-tion 1914-1918." Orawings and we-tercolors by arrists such as Murhead Bone, John Singer Sargent and Hen-

London Halina House (tel: 831.1772). To Feb. 14: "Sickert." One hundred and thirty-four pelntings commemorating the 50th anniversary of the British

ems's deam.
Museum of London (tel: 600.3699, closed Mondays). To June 1: "The Purple, Write and Green: Suffragettes in London, 1906-14." A re-evaluation of the the early British wom-en's movement.

CANADA

Montreal

Centre Canadien d'Architecture (lei: 339.7020), To March 14: "Toys that Teach." A presentation of works by Frederich Frobel, the creator of the kintergarten in the 19th century.

Art Gallery of Ontario (tel: 977.0414). To June 20: "Roman Vishniac." Vishniac's photographs document the imperiled existence of the Jewish communities in Lublin, Krakow and Warsaw in the 1930s.

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Prague Labkovicz Palace (tel: 57.73.06). To March 7: "Marian Folk Art." More than 250 pictures, statues, devotional pleces and graphic art.

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Examularnuseo Konstindustrimuseet (tel:174.455), To Feb, 28: "Junichi Aral," A display of the Japanese artist's contemporary textile and ceramic works.

FRANCE

Musée des Beeux-Arts (tel: 37.36.41.39). To March 1: "L'Oeuvre Grave de Goya." More than 200 engravings by Francisco de Goya y Lucientes, including four series: Caprices, Tauromachie, Disperates and Desastres.



A self-portrait by Egon Schiele in Paris.

Musée de la Mode et du Costume (tal: 47.20.85.23). To April 25: "Au Paradis des Dames; Nouveautes, Modes et Confections," A survey of the evolution of the Parteian fashion inclustry between 1810 and 1870. Featuring tull-scale replicas of boutiques and fashion wares typical of the period.

Musée-Galerie de la Selta (tel: 45.56.60.17). To Feb. 27: "Egon Schiele: 1890-1918." More than 100 works on paper by the Expressionist artist. Included are drawings and

Muece National d'Histoire Natur-elle (tel: 43.36.54,26). To April 26; "Dinosaures et Mammiteres du De-sen de Gobl," Features mammals and reptiles, some dating back 75 million years, from the Gobi desert.

GERMANY

Deutsches Historisches Museum Unter den Linden (tel: 215.020). To Feb. 28: "Picasso; Die Zeit Nach Guernica." More than 100 paintings and drawings by the Spanish ertist efter "Guernica."

Düsseldorf Kunstmuseum Düsseldorf (tel: 899.2473). To April 18: "Gert Hein-

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rich Wollheim: 1894-1974." A retrospecifive of the 20th-century German anist's work. Essen

Fotogrefische Sammlung (tel: 888.452). To March 14: "William Eggleston: Damals und Heute." More than 200 works by the American pho-

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The trish Museum of Modern Art (tel: 718.666), To Feb. 14: "Richard Hamilton." A retrospective of paint-ings, retiefs and mixed-media works by the British Pop artist. ISRAEL

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The Israel Museum (tel: 708.811). To March 6: "Drame Seeson: Parls 1890-1900." Eighty-two theater programs containing illustrations by anists such as Toulouse-Leutrec, Bonnard and Munch.

JAPAN

Kobe Hyogo Prefectural Museum of Modern Art (tel; 801.1591). To March 21: "Monet and his Contem-

poraries: From the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston." Featuring 26 master-pieces by Monet, along with more than 35 other works by contemporary Impressionists. Including works by Degas, Renoir, Cezanne and Gaugin. Kyoto

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The Museum Yamato Bunkakan (tel: 245,0544). To Feb. 21: "Works of Art from the Edo Period." More than 50 works including painting, pottery, laquerware and glassware.

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Van Gogh Museum (tel: 570.5200). To Feb. 7: "Glasgow 1900: Art & Design." More than 100 paintings, drawings and crafts from artists of the Glasgow School.

SWITZERLAND

Zurich Kunsthaus (tel: 251.6765). To May 2; "From the Treasures of Eurasie: Masterpieces of Ancient Art." More than 170 pieces of ancient art from the collections of the former Soviet Union, representing 18 different cul-tures. The objects range from the Stone Age, Egyptian, Greek, Scyth-ian, Etruscen and Roman to Byzan-

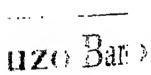
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San Francisco Museum of Modern Art (tel: 863 88). To Feb. 7: "4: Four Graphic Designers," Features award-winning works by San Francisco-based designers Michael Cronan, Michael Manwaring, Gerald Reis and Michael

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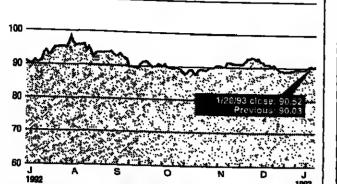
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WALL STREET WATCH

Holders May Not Benefit If GM Sells Its EDS Unit

By Floyd Norris New York Times Service

EW YORK - General Motors Corp. needs cash, and its Electronic Data Systems unit looks like it is salable. So should investors who expect a takeover of the unit rush out and buy GM's class E shares, which are tied to the performance of EDS? Maybe not.

GM, in its financial innovations of the 1980s, created one of the more bizarre financial structures in American business, one that is not well understood by many holders. While class E shares pay dividends based on the earnings of EDS, the computer company started by H. Ross Perot, they do not represent ownership of it. They really represent a stake in ______ GM itself.

Were GM to find a buyer for Class E shares are

Sources: ING Bank (Amsterdam); Indusurs Ba

some of the class E shares it holds, as British Telecommunications is reported to be considering, the likelihood is that the investment would do nothing in the immediate future to help the current holders of class E.

They would continue to get their dividend stream — 36 cents in 1992 and likely to rise a bit in 1993 — but any gain in price would depend on higher HDS profits and thus could be years off.

That would likely be true even if British Telecom or another butter warm to offer an above market price for the class E shows.

buyer were to offer an above-market price for the class E shares. Those shares rose 12.5 cents to \$33.375 Thursday on the New York

Stock Exchange.

Conceivably, of course, GM could allow some of the shares to be sold by existing class E holders, perhaps through a tender offer. But with GM needing cash, the odds of that would appear to be slim. It is not easy to figure out why British Telecom or any other buyer would want to buy a lot of class E shares, which carry no influence in management decisions. If it paid \$40 a share and the dividend this year rose to 40 cents, that would be a I percent return on investment. Perhaps a buyer would see big benefits from strategic alliances, but such benefits would seemingly need to be very large.

That provides a reason to suspect that GM, if it wants to realize a lot of cash from EDS, might need to sell EDS itself. If it sold a minority stake in EDS, the deal could be structured so class E shareholders would keep their shares. But if it sold a majority of See GM, Page 13

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Consumers Give Lift to U.S. Growth

By Lawrence Malkin

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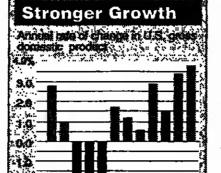
In the fourth quarter, the U.S. gross domestic product grew at an annual rate of 3.8 percent, according to Thursday's first esti-

mate, the best performance since 1988. This figure is certain to be revised, just as the third-quarter figures were adjusted twice and settled at 3.4 percent. But most economists welcomed the two back-to-back quarters of growth as the definitive end of the four-year economic slog that marked George Bush's administration and said the economy was on an annual growth track of about 3 percent. For 1992 as a whole, the economy grew at 2.1 percent, its strongest showing

"This is a powerful advance in the private sector and has all the characterisocs of a business recovery," said Allen Sinai of Boston Co., while warning that activity in the current quarter would slip because consumer spending, capital investment, and especially the 30 percent increase in oew housing could not keep pace until companies hire more workers and give them money to spend.

Final sales rose 4.5 percent, a pace most economists regard as unsustainable because consumers have been digging into savings to pay for their purchases and oot enough new jobs are being created to replenish their reserves. The first quarter will also see smaller income-tax refunds than usual because of special electiou-year tax adjustments made in 1992.

recovery rate, but such options are oot open



to Mr. Clinton. Government purchases de-clined in the final quarter by 1.7 percent as defense spending continued to contract, and any attempts to force-feed the economy will run smack into demands by the financial markets and the Federal Reserve Board to cut

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the U.S. budget deficit.

Mr. Clinton, going into a White House meeting with Alan Greenspan, the Fed chairman, on Thursday morning, sounded what has become his administration's clarion call in the face of huge layoffs by major American corporations. Deflecting reporters' questions about the GDP figure, the president said he had heard "a lot of troubling news about lost In past recoveries, government spending jobs." He added, "We've got a lot of work to has helped push growth to double the present do, a lot of work to do."

His principal task now is to craft an eco-

oomic program that attacks low job creation in the short run and the budget deficit in the long run — two conflicting goals, because even a slow withdrawal of the deficit stimulus will be a drag on the recovery. Even Mr. Clinton's ability to square this circle in the public eye may affect the the course of the

David Hale of Kemper Financial Services said he figured the expansion had been partly "charisma-led" by Mr. Clinton's confidenceboosting promises of economic and political reform. The president must lay out specifics in his State of the Union address on Feb. 17, and if it bombs, be warned, "this could turn into a Cinderella recovery."

Thus Mr. Clinton's meeting with Mr. Greenspan was the monetary front of his effort to keep from turning into a pumpkin. On Wednesday, Democratic congressmen tried without success to corner Mr. Greenspan into committing the central bank to cut interest rates and take up the slack in the economy if they vote to trim the deficit by limiting spending and raising taxes. As one Democrat said, if they did the right thing they did not want to be left "twisting in the wind" by rising interest rates.

Mr. Clinton, with his senior economic aides at his side, seemed to be going about the same task with less fanfare and more subtlety. "It will be an implicit compromise, not explicit," said Mr. Hale, adding that the best Mr. Greenspan could do is say that interest rates will not go up much as the economy

Moreover, Mr. Greenspan cannot make such promises on his own. Some members of his board want to tighten monetary targets, which would mean higher interest rates as the recovery kicks in. And Mr. Greenspan himself, said David Wyss of DRI/McGraw Hill, will take his cue from the financial mar-

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Schlesinger Wary On Prospects of **Rate Cut Soon**

By Brandon Mitchener International Flerald Tribune

cold shoulder again on European hopes of an interest-rate cut anytime soon, saying Thursday that German inflation was still too high. He said that German monetary pulicy could be flexible under the

right conditions but that those conditions did not yet exist. "Price rises of around 4 percent in Western Germany cannot be deemed compatible with price sta-bility," he said in a speech in Brussels. "And the overall public sector

deficit is too high."
As a result of various pressures, be said that short-term interest rates would have to remain "com-

paratively high."
[Mr. Schlesinger said at a press conference in Brussels that he would like to see an annual inflatioo rate not much above 3 percent by the end of 1993, the Associated Press reported.

But he warned that it was uncertain that this level could be reached because a sharp rise in January consumer prices was likely.]

Within the Bundesbank's pursuit of medium-term monetary stability, it is "also essential to retain a certain scope for discretionary measures in the very short run as well," Mr. Schlesinger said, noting that the German central bank took account of major ecooomic developments.

'In cases where growth prospects have deteriorated and unemployment has increased, for instance, the Bundesbank has never kept interest rates high looger than oecessary if there were signs of inflationary pressures easing."

Growth prospects have indeed deteriorated and German unemployment is undoubtedly on the rise, but inflation shows no signs of slowing down.

In the state of Hesse, which includes the city of Frankfurt, coo-sumer prices had risen 1.2 percent in the month through mid-January and were up 5.1 percent from a year earlier. The state's statistics office said that was the highest year-on-year rise since since 1982.

exacerbated by a rise in the rate of German value-added tax to 15 per-BONN—The Bundesbank president, Helmut Schlesinger, turned a cold shoulder again on European tolerable.

Mr. Schlesinger compared inflation to a drug and said the Bundesbank would resist assuming the role of a pusher.

"Germany has long experienced that inflation is somewhat like a drug," he said. "It is hard to give it up, but it undermines the health of the economy as a whole."

"It is not recommendable even in a period of transition to accommo date high rates of inflation," be said, adding: "The prime concern of monetary policy in Germany at present is to maintain confidence in both the D-mark and in our ability to restore price stability, the latter being the only sound basis for economic growth and high em-

Both Mr. Schlesinger and Jo-hann Wilhelm Gaddum, a Bundesbank director who spoke in Schwerin, focused attention on the growing international importance of the mark and the need to maintain confidence in it.

The relative strength of the mark serves the oeeds of German unity by attracting capital to the country, noted Mr. Gaddum, adding that "in every future decision about the course of monetary policy the Bundesbank will continue to ensure that there is no doubt of our commitment to stability.

Two of the Bundesbank's regional central bank presidents also sigoaled a hawkish stance on inflation oo Thursday. Lothar Müller, head of the Ba-

varian central bank, told the magazine Finanzen that even the successful conclusion of a long-sooght pact linking federal fiscal restraint to wage restraint and investments in East Germany would oot pave the way for quick rate cuts.

"High credit demand and low interest rates are mutually exclusive," he was quoted as saying.

Another regional board member, Olaf Sievert, told a German oewspaper that 1993 wage deals seemed to be more in line with the Bundesbank's goals than to the Recent reports from three other past, but he added that East Gerlarge West German states indicated man wages were still rising far too

Officials Try to Inflate Pressured Punt

day, keeping the currency below its European Monetary System floors against the Belgian franc and the guilder, but monetary officials tried to support the unit with words and deeds.

The punt ended at 54.0115 Belgian francs, below its floor of 54.0250 although up from 53.9619 on Wednesday, and it ended at 2.9500 Dutch guilders, which is less than its 2.9510 Boor and down from 2.9504 on Wednesday. "A devaluation is imminent," said Gerard

Lyons, chief economist at DKB International in London. "It is only a question of timing." But Finance Minister Bertie Ahern of Ireland said reports of an imminent devaluation and other economic-policy changes in Dublin were the result of "people playing games with our

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ernment Thursday threatened

legal action to oppose Hoover's

plans to shift vacuum-cleaner production to Scotland, and

said moving for cheaper wages was an abuse of the European

Community's single market. Prime Minister Pierre Béré-

govoy criticized what he called "a case of social dumping that

runs counter to the rules of the

Community.
"Community aid to poorer regions to create jobs is fine but

not if it destroys jobs else-

Hoover, a unit of Maytag

Corp. of the United States, said

this week it would cut 650 of 700 jobs at its factory outside Dijon, and add 400 jobs at its plant outside Glasgow, where workers have agreed to cuts in

The Dijon plant, which would handle distribution in

France, has been shut down by a protest strike since Monday.

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The affair has exposed a scrious problem for EC countries anxious to unite their economies while protecting their work forces and posed a partic-

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Union is supposed to stop ex-ploitation of different wage lev-

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director for Hoover-Europe, told RTL radio the company

"made logical decisions in the face of a company expenditure

and profitability problem."

Mr. Rankin said Hoover re-

ceived aid from Scotland, not

the Commonity, and the amount was "about the same"

as that offered by the French.

Industry Minister Domi-

nique Strauss-Kahn said Hoo-ver had persuaded Scottish workers to give up 180 million francs (\$34 million) in pension

funds. He said France would complain to the Community

that such a deal was a distortion

of competition. (AP, Reuters)

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Over Hoover's Move

Meanwhile, Belgium's central hank said it LONDON — Foreign-exchange dealers were betting on a devaluation of the Irish punt Thurs- lrish Central Bank's increase of a key interest had intervened to support the punt after the rate to 100 percent from 14 percent failed to lift

the currency.
In Brussels, Jean-Claude Trichet, chairman of the European Community's monetary committee, expressed his "very strong support" for the punt but refused to comment further.

The punt collapsed on Wednesday after the pound fell sharply when Britain pushed down its bank base-lending rates to 6 percent from 7 percent. About one-third of Ireland's exports go to Britain, so weakness in sterling has a large effect on the punt. On Thursday, the punt rose against the pound, which was removed from the EMS exchange-rate mechanism last year. The punt ended at about £1.0954, up from £1.0946.

Comments from the Bundesbank president, Helmut Schlesinger, that Ireland was "on the

right path to keep exchange rates stable" helped underpin the punt on Thursday, although some dealers were skeptical about how far the Bundesbank would go to defend the Irish currency. One dealer said he felt the Bundesbank was

unlikely to make a sustained effort to support the punt, as it has the French franc. The German central bank's policy of high interest rates to combat inflatioo is widely seen as responsible for much of the turmoil in the European Mooetary System in recent months. Speculation against the weak currencies in

the exchange-rate mechanism last year forced the pound and Italian lira out of the grid and led to devaluations of the Spanish peseta and Portuguese escudo.

Dealers said those currencies, aloog with the Danish krone and the French franc, were the weakest in the ERM.

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Hildegard Zagorski, vice president for national sales at Pruden- care company was priced at \$28 a tial Securities Inc., said the Nasday share. remained weak "because the over Ame excesses had occurred."

The bellwether 30-year Treasury

NEW YORK — Blue-chip ing the afternoon, however, pushstocks held on to modest gains on percent, after two oil-state senators Thursday, helped by strength in oil introduced a hill to levy a fee on and drug issues, but a turnaround crude oil imports whenever the in bond prices kept the broad mar- price drops below \$25 a harrel. ket on the defensive and over-the- Trader said the proposal was

market was being helped by strong bond prices, aside from the after-Standard & Poor's 500-stock in-dex rose 0.56 to 438.66. Advancing drew strength from news that the implicit GDP price deflator, a key nflation measure, rose at just a 1.7

percent rate in the fourth quarter. The oil-fee proposal and subsemained heavy on the New York quent rise in crude prices boosted Stock Exchange at 241.7 million major oil stocks. Exxon Corp. rose shares, down from 276.9 million % to 61%. Mobil Corp. gained 1 to 6312 and Chevron Corp. rose 114 to

> WellPoint Health Networks Inc. paced the Big Board actives, ending its initial day of trading at 33%. The 17-million-share offering of the California-based managed health-

Among some of the blue chips, the-counter market is where all the IBM rose 4 to 50%. Philip Morris rose % to 74% and Merck rose 4 to 4014. AT&T slipped % to 53% debond was up & point, dropping its spite reporting fourth-quarter earn-yield to 7.21 percent. The long ings of 75 cents a share versus 48 bond lost its gains temporarily dur-cents a year ago. (UPI, Reuters)

GROWTH: Consumer Assistance

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kers," In sum, if bond buyers do not swallow Mr. Clipton's economic package, neither will the Fed. History supports the Fed's skep-

ticism. When similar deals were proposed during the 1980s this was called "the grand compromise." Paul A, Volcker, Mr. Greenspan's

Foreign Exchange

predecessor, refused such an explicit deal because he feared Congress would renege on it and not approve spending cuts. Moreover. he wrote later, "even responsible fiscal policies are not an adequate excuse for bad monetary policy.

After his meeting with Mr. Clinton, Mr. Greenspan told a congressional panel that a credible budget deal would result in a "dramatic" drop in long-term interest rates. He added that the Fed would not have to respond immediately to changes in the deficit because they would take time to affect the economy a signal that the central bank might hold still on interest rates after Congress acts, Mr. Greenspan called Mr. Clinton's plan to cut the deficit by \$145 billion over several years a good starting point.

■ Data Fail to Bolster Dollar

The dollar fell against European currencies in New York trading on Thursday, news agencies reported. with caution about low U.S. interest rates overcoming the beneficial effects of the economic growth.

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tion in Japanese interest rates. The dollar fell to 1,5860 Deutsche marks from 1.5870 on Wednesday, but it rose to 124,200 yen from 124.075.

speculation of an imminent reduc

Against other European currencies, the dollar fell to 1,4625 Swiss francs from 1.4633 and to 5.3655 French francs from 5.3705. The pound rose to \$1.5155 from \$1.5105. Frank Pusateri, corporate dealer at First National Bank of Boston, said the differential between U.S. and German interest rates is capping the dollar's rise. German call money, for example, ended Thursday at an 8.65 percent annual rate, sharply higher than the 2.94 percent rate on federal funds, the U.S. overnight interbank loan rate.

Dealers also said an outhreak of turmoil in the European Monetary System's exchange-rate mechanism hurt the dollar by making the mark seem attractive. The Irish punt is the latest EMS currency to come under pressure.

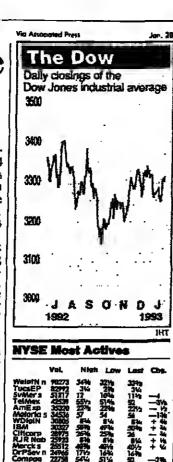
The GDP figures were viewed as historical and not indicative of the current state of the U.S. economy. The U.S. labor market is still

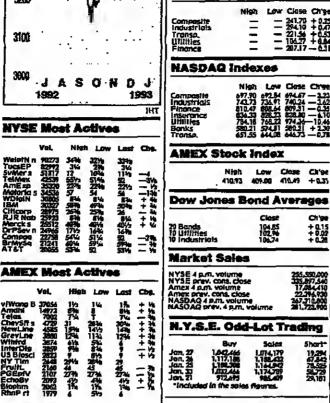
sli, to 320,73 per barrel, the diggest jump since the 1991 Gun war, before slipping back later to \$20.45.

Senator J. Bennett Johnston, chairman of the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee, said he would propose setting a price floor of \$25 a barrel on crude oil entering the United States, the world's very sloppy and Greenspan's explicit concern about it yesterday and today leaves the door open for the Fed to ease again," said Jouni Kokko, economist at S.G. Warburg & Co. in London.

(Rewers, Bloomberg, AFX)

Sea Brent Blend, the world benchmark price, were also pulled up. March delivery Brent in London finished 59 cents higher at \$18.62 per barrel.





U.S. Fee Proposal Fires Oil

LONDON - Oil prices jumped Thursday after a key U.S. senator said

he would propose legislation for an oil import fee in the United States. In a stampede to buy, New York light crude futures went up more than \$1, to \$20.75 per barrel, the biggest jump since the 1991 Gulf War, before

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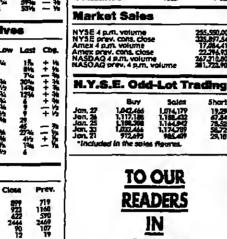
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\$1 Billion Profit at AT&T

NEW YORK (AP) - AT&T said Thursday that fourth-quarter profit surged 58 percent to a record \$1 hillion, while net income rose 18 percent for the year on gains at financial-services and telecommunications units. The largest U.S. long-distance carrier said profit was 75 cents a share in the three-month period to Dec. 31, against \$635 million, or 48 cents a share a year earlier. Revenue advanced 6.3 percent to \$17.5 billion, against \$12.46 killion.

against 516.46 billion in the 1991 quarter.

American Telephone & Telegraph Co. said long-distance calling volume rose 5 percent in the quarter, although revenue fell 0.7 percent, in part because business customers sought out "lower-priced higher-capacity dedicated lines."

Chrysler Earnings Soared in Quarter

HIGHLAND PARK, Michigan (AFP) - Chrysler Corp., the thirdlargest U.S. automaker, said Thursday it had made a net profit of \$356 million in the fourth quarter of 1992, up from \$97 million a year earlier. That marked the best quarter since the company earned \$434 million in the fourth quarter of 1988, Chrysler said. Earnings per share were \$1.12, up from 33 cents in the final three months of 1991.

Chrysler's sales were up 24,3 percent, totaling \$10.2 billion in the fourth quarter, against \$8.2 billion in the fourth quarter of 1991. For the whole of 1992, Chrysler reported earnings of \$723 million, or \$2.21 a share, against a loss of \$795 million. Sales for the year were \$36.9 billion, up 25.5 percent on the previous year.

\$224 Million Loss at United Airlines

CHICAGO (AFP) - United Airlines, the second-largest U.S. airline, reported Thursday a \$223.9 million loss for the fourth quarter of 1992, slightly better than the \$252.6 million loss for the same period of 1991.

With a preax charge of \$62 million, the loss will be reduced to \$184.

The fourth-quarter result brought United's loss for the full year to \$957-million, against a \$332 million loss for 1991. The 1992 loss included a one-time charge of \$540 million to shift to a new accounting method that million, the airline said. would, among other things, take into account the costs of medical coverage for retired employees.

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Clinton Weighs Social Security Curbs

WASHINGTON (AP) - President Bill Clinton is considering limits on cost-of-living increases for recipients of Social Security, the White House communications director said Thursday, George Stephanopoulos, said at a news briefing that this was one of the options under consideration for a communication of the options of the o atton for a comprehensive economic recovery package.

Any attempt to alter Social Security would have to be approved by.

Congress. Many economists believe that cutting entitlement programs is one of the few ways of substantially reducing the U.S. deficit.
"We'll make sure that any plan we have is both fair and solves the goalsof putting growth in the economy and achieving deficit reduction," Mr.

For the Record

Coca-Cola Co. announced Thursday an 11.8 percent gain in fourthquarter profit, citing the success of an aggressive Christmas marketing campaign. The world's biggest soft-drink maker said net earnings, excluding the effects of accounting changes, advanced to \$400.6 million, or 31 cents a share, compared with \$358.4 million, or 26 cents a share, a year

Dow Chemical Co. said Thursday that accounting charges, weak foreign markets and lower selling prices resulted in losses for the fourth quarter and the year. The chemicals giant said its fourth-quarter loss widened to \$248 million, or 92 cents a share, from \$92 million, or 35 cents, in the same period a year ago. For all of 1992, Dow posted a loss of \$489 million, or \$1.83 a share, compared with net income of \$942 million, or \$3.46 a share, in the year-ago period.

(Bloomberg) \$3.46 a share, in the year-ago period.

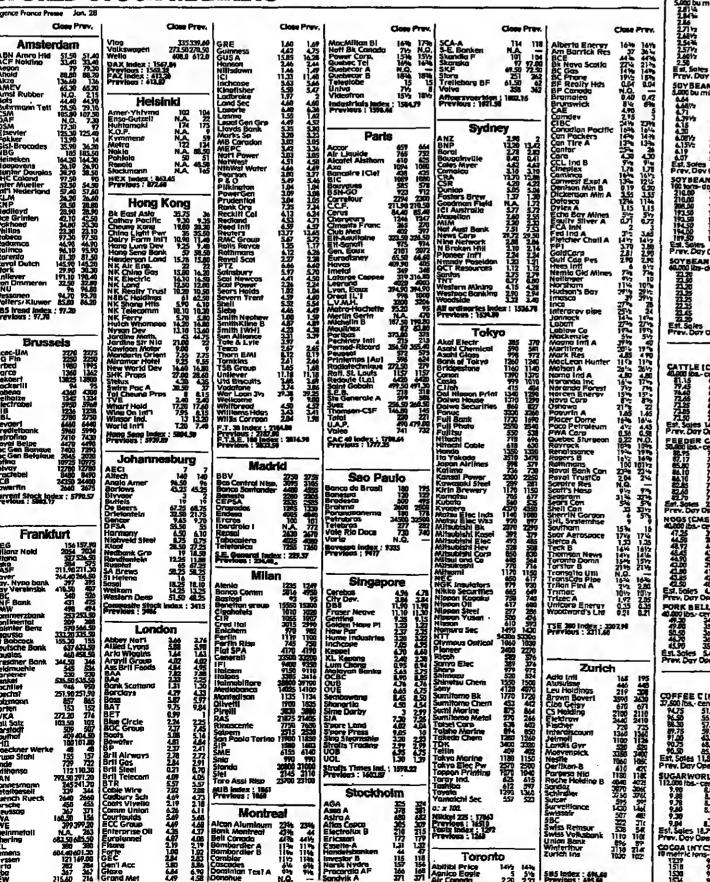
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Asda Issue Tip of an Iceberg Offering Signals Flood of U.K. Equity Sales

LONDON - Asda Group PLC offered on Thursday the first of what looks like a flood of British equity sales, with a £347 million (\$525.5 million) rights issue.

This is the first of many," said Lisa Hosking, international equity strategist at Credit Suisse First Boston. There are enormous rights issues waiting in

But in Britain, with the stock market near record levels, interest rates tumbling and inflation subdued, there may be no better time to raise cash.

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The Asda offering was popular with investors, and its stock rose 5 pence, to 68 pence, in heavy trading.
The rights offering allows current stockholders to buy three new Asda shares at 53 pence each for every 10 shares they hold.

The supermarket chain gave investors plenty of reasons to scoop up new shares. Same-store sales for the current financial year are running 2 percent above last year, and Christmas sales were above the industry average, it said. Pretar profit will reach at least £130 million in the year that ends May 1, above analysts' estimates and a reversal of last year's £365 million loss. Total debt dropped to £449 million in mid-January from £678 million in May.

The fact Asda "outperformed the industry over Christmas is spectacular," said David Stoddart, an

analyst at Société Générale Strauss Turnbuil Securities Most important, the new cash lets Asda compete with its larger and more profitable rivals, J. Sainsbury PLC and Tesco PLC, which are opening 20 to 25 stores each year, said Peter Morrison, analyst at BWD Rensburg in Hudderstield.

The new money allows Asda to reduce its debt, relocate 15 of its oldest stores, rebuild up to 10 more, open an unspecified number of new stores and expand its Dales discount chain. Without the cash, Asda would have been forced to close stores in the next few

years, squeezing its sales and earnings growth.
[The rights issue is Asda's second in less than 18 months, Reuters reported. In September, 1991 it raised £357 million via a nine-for-10 issue at 35 pence to cut debt. Two years previously, it bought 60 stores from Isosceles PLC for £704 million, a deal in which analysts said it overpaid in the rush for expansion.] [Asda said would recommend a final dividend of 1.1

pence, giving a total dividend for the year of 1.6 pence,
AFP-Extel reported. A year earlier, it paid 2.1 pence,
Among companies rumored to be studying equity
sales are Allied-Lyons PLC, British Petroleum Co.,
Burton Group PLC, Commercial Union Assurance Co., Glaxo Holdings PLC, Guardian Royal Exchange, Royal Insurance Holdings PLC, Taylor Woodrow PLC and Tarmac PLC.

The most obvious candidates are capital goods, construction and engineering companies that are bogged down with debt or oeed capital to expand or insurers who need to rebuild their belance sheets, said Jerry Evans, market analyst at NatWest Securities.

Cap Gemini Sogeti Swung Into Loss in 1992 the economic outlook. Cap Genini said it expected

PARIS - Cap Gemini Sogeti SA, the software and computer-services company, said Thursday that it had swing to a consolidated net loss of 80 million French francs (\$14.95 million) in 1992, from a net profit of

560 million francs a year earlier. The company said in a statement that its results for 1993 would not "improve spectacularly" because of

the new corporate structure put into place this year to end its difficult transition period by the start of 1994. Cap Gemini said restructuring charges totaled 338 million francs last year.

Sales in 1992 rose 19 percent to 12 billion francs, partly due to the acquisition of Volmac Software Groep NV of the Netherlands.

Usinor Is Downbeat **Omanis** As Losses Mount Give Lift Compiled by Our Staff From Dupatches PARIS — Europe's biggest steel-maker, Usinor Sacilor, on Thurs-To Vickers

temporary duties on steel imports.
"We will be forced to stop exporting to the U.S.," said Chair-

man Francis Mer, who described

Washington's action as illogical.
The duties would eliminate the

company's roughly 2 billion francs (\$374 million) in U.S. sales, which

amount to about 5 percent of its

flat-rolled steel output and about

loss was 24 billion francs (\$448

million) last year, less than the 3 billion franc shortfall in 1991. But the reported loss for 1992 was re-

duced substantially by taking back 1.4 billion francs in provisions

against technological risks that had

Sales fell 10.8 percent in 1992 to

The results were a stark reminder

of the world steel industry's woes as

slack demand pushes some produc-

Usinor, 80 percent owned by the French government and 20 percent

by state-owned Credit Lyonnais, is

the world's second-biggest steel-maker behind Nippon Steel Corp.

Mr. Mer said his company hoped to sell some of the steel that might

be kept out of the U.S. market to

other customers, especially China.

where demand is buoyant. The

company also said it hoped higher prices would begin to help results in the second half of this year.

ers to the verge of bankruptcy.

been set aside in previous years.

86.7 billion francs.

Usinor said its net attributable

10 percent of its exports.

LONDON - Vickers PLC won an important \$300 million order for Challenger 2 tanks from Oman on Thursday, but analysts said the embattled defense company was

not out of trouble yet. Prime Minister John Major announced the order in Muscat, Oman, after meeting the country's ruler, Sultan Qaboos ibn Said. Mr. Major said the contract — for 18 tanks and four support vehicles, with orders for another 18 expected later - will sustain the 1,800 jobs at Vickers two plants at Newcastle and Leeds.

It was the first export order for the tank and gave a much-oceded boost to Vickers. which lost a \$4.5 billion order for 256 tanks and equipment from Kuwait to the Abrams M-LA2 of General Dynamics Corp. of the United States. Vickers later fell out of the race for a \$1.5 billion tank

order from Sweden. "This is a help and if there are advance payments it will reduce Vickers' gearing," said Sandy Morris, an analyst at

County NatWest Markets. But he said Vickers would need to win an order to upgrade Britain's 420 Challenger I tanks to keep its plants working through the 1990s.

Thyssen Weighs day reported a massive loss for the Exit From Steel second consecutive year and said no recovery was in sight, especially following the U.S. move to impose

Bloomberg Business News DUISBURG, Germany -Thyssen AG may consider selling or scrapping its steel division if authorities do oot act quickly on its request for a European cartel to share production cuts, Chief Executive

Heinz Kriwet said Thursday. He made the warning as Thyssen reported a 14 percent drop in sales in October-December, its financial first quarter, to 8.0 billion Deutsche marks (\$5.1 billion). Thyssen Stahl, the steel unit that acgroup sales and employs 58,000, last week reported a 16 percent drop in sales in the quarter, to 2.5 billion DM.

But Mr. Mer said there were still too many players in the European steel industry and predicted a new bout of acquisitions.

The approach taken by Western Europe to limit steel imports from Eastern Europe was more logical than the U.S. duties, Mr. Mer said, because it aimed to safeguard West-ern Europe's market while allowing

The poor outlook will force a cutback in investment, Usinor said, Investment in 1992 fell to 4.9 billion francs from 6.5 billion in 1991.

Eastern Europe increasing access.

(Reuters, Bloomberg)

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Very briefly:

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■ Britain's trade gap widened to £1.54 billion (\$2.33 billion) in December bringing last year's deficit on trade in goods and services to almost double the 1991 figure, the Ceotral Statistical Office said.

 The European Investment Bank said the volume of loans it granted in 1992 rose 11 percent to 17 billion European currency units (\$20.96 billion). UPI, Bloomberg, AFX, Revuers

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GM: If EDS Were Sold, Who Gains?

(Continued from first finance page) EDS, or all of it, class E shares would disappear. Owners would get shares of ordinary GM com-

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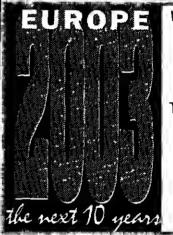
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shares for every class E share, Based on Thursday's closing price of GM common — which fell 25 cents, to \$37.75 — that works into a value of \$43.41, 30 percent premium over Thursday's closing price of GM class F GM class E.

That ratio would vary depending on the prices during the periods prior to the date of determina-

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Inside Monday's Journal



Will the EC be a superpower in 2003? Whose face will appear on your ECUs? Will your refrigerator tell you the milk went sour? To mark its 10th anniversary, The Wail Street Journal Europe takes a look into the future. With contributions from Helmut Schmidt, Valery Giscard d'Estaino. and Karl Otto Pöhl.

THE WALL STREET JOURNAL EUROPE

REPUBLIC OF LEBANON Rehabilitation of the Water Supply and Waste Water Sector PRE-QUALIFICATION OF CONTRACTORS

For the rehabilitation and reconstruction of its Infrastructure, the Republic of Lebanon has applied for loans from the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (IBRD), the European Bank for Investment (EIB), Kuwait Fund for Arab Economic Development, and other sources including the Lebanese Treasury to cover the costs of rehabilitation of the water supply and waste water sector.

it is intended that the proceeds of the above loans will be applied for payments to contractors under contracts to be awarded for the following work packages:

Water Supply: Package no.1 Water sources and boreholes

Package no.2 Water treatment works Package no.3 Pumping stations Package no.4 Transmission mains and distribution systems

Package no.5 Storage tanks Sewage Water Sector : Package no.1 Collection systems Package no.2 Pumping stations

Those works should be executed on all the Lebanese territory. The first year investment program will mainly concentrate on the rehabilitation of all the installations and equipments from the intake up to the tanks for storage of treated water. The scope of the work for the second and third years has been identified up to feasibility studies and detailed design will be prepared during the first year of the program.

The works will be executed under the supervision of consultants appointed by the Ministry of Hydraulic and Electric Resources (MHER) and the Council for Development end Reconstruction (CDR) under donors guidelines. Contractors who have already implemented similar projects under tight control, are invited to apply for pre-

Reasons for not pre-qualifying any firm or consortium need not be given and no costs incurred in pre-qualifying will be reimbursed. Invitations for bidding will only be sent to firms or consortia which are pre-qualified.

The CDR Invites contracting firms or consortie interested in bidding to obtain pre-qualification documents starting January 27, 1993 from the:

Council for Development and Reconstruction (CDR) Tallet El-Seray , Beirut-Lebanon

Deadline for submission of pre-qualification applications with all supporting documents at the CDR offices in Beirut, Lebanon is 12:00 noon on March 16, 1993.

REPUBLIC OF LEBANON

Rehabilitation of the Solid Waste Management Sector PRE-QUALIFICATION OF CONTRACTORS

For the rehabilitation of the solid waste management sector, the Republic of Lebanon is receiving financing from the Italian Government, from the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (IBRD) end from other sources including the Lebanese treasury.

it is intended that the proceeds of the above financing will be applied to payments to qualified contractors under contracts to be awarded for the following packages:

Supply of 80 compactor trucks for countrywide distribution and rehabilitation of 33 existing trucks in

Supply of 2800 containers for countrywide distribution; Supply of mobile equipment (earth compactors, mechanical shovels, traxcavators, bowzers, ...) for

sanitary landfills across the country; Rehabilitation of the Karantina compost plant. Operation and maintenance of the incinerator at Amroustyeh (a suburb of Beirut) end the compost plant in

the Karantina area of Beirut; Operation of solid waste collection for Beirut. The works will be executed under the supervision of consultants appointed by the Ministry of the

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Wednesday to emphasize that the decision to impose tariffs on producers from 19 countries followed "mandated" procedures and was not a policy decision by the new president.

The substantial U.S. tariffs were tentatively imposed by officials at the Department of Commerce after complaints by American steeling makers. The companies contend that foreign producers are selling steel in the United States at prices lower than the product is sold in them at a competitive disadvanties by foreign governments trade official, and the White House was under the United States at prices lower than the product is sold in the United States at prices lower than the product is sold in the United States at prices lower than the product is sold in the United States at prices lower than the product is sold in them at a competitive disadvanties of the cooperation with Japan and others in ling a GATT complaint.

The United States, the Community and Japan have held Multilater in Europe and Asia, a strong sentiment emerged Thursday that seeking to limit government subsidies.

Atthough Mr. Brown said the Commission must decide whether the administry to obtain relief commission on the tariffs.

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Many Strikers Give Up, but Carrier's Costs Seem High Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches HONG KONG — Cathay Pacific Airways Ltd. essentially declared victory on Thursday in its twoweek battle against striking flight attendants, but

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at a cost of lost revenue and damaged prestige.

In about three days, Cathay services will return to normal and the company will be able to stop chartering aircraft plus crew from foreign airlines, according to Rod Eddington, the carrier's manag-ing director. "We sent virtually all our flights out yesterday with full crews," he said.

The strike has not officially ended, and several

hundred flight attendants remain off the job. The airline has about 4,000 attendants, of whom ap-

proximately 3,500 are in the union.

Mr. Eddington said all but 400 attendants had returned to work. The company said those who stayed out past Wednesday risked being fired. Some union members refused to give in. About

300 marched on the headquarters of Swire Pacific Ltd., Cathay's parent, demanding Chairman Peter Surch intervene. A delegation met Mr. Sutch, but neither side commented on what was discussed.

David Ngan, chairman of the Flight Attendants
Union, said Mr. Eddington's figures were wrong.
"The support for the strike is still there. You've only
got to look at how many people are taking part in
the march to see that the company is not telling the
truth." Last week, however, 1,500 strikers protested.

Two union leaders. Packet Verybase and Ken

Two union leaders, Rachel Varghese and Ken Patience, resigned Thursday, citing differences in the executive committee on whether to carry on the strike. The company said they returned to work.

By toughing it out with charter flights and a hard-line stance. Cathay may have caused the 16-day-old strike to collapse. But the airline has been criticized by Hong Kong lawmakers, labor leaders and several newspapers for insisting on its right to fire or otherwise discipline some of the strikers for intimidating their working colleagues or leaving passengers stranded in foreign ports.

This has politicized the dispute, which was originally over staffing levels and dismissal of three attendants, and led to debate over whether the right to strike should be enshrined in Hong Kong's laws.

Mr. Eddington said the company was forced to take its tough stance by the nature of the current Hong Kong labor laws. These, he said, allowed union leaders to call a wildcat strike without the need for a secret ballot of their members and a cooling-off period after the vote.

The union has maintained that Cathay's determination to take disciplinary action against some strikers was the only remaining issue in the strike. On Thursday, Cathay operated 35 of its departing flights and chartered nine, and it operated 35 arriving flights and used 11 charters.

Mr. Eddington said the cost of the strike, mainly charges for chartering extra planes, had fallen to about 5 million Hong Kong dollars (\$646,847) a day, from between 10 million and 15 million dollars a day. On Wednesday, analysts said the overall cost of the strike to the airline was about 200 million

(Bloomberg, Reuters, AFX, AFP, AP)

China Plans Japan's Upscale Autos Big Airport Offset Drop in Exports Expansion

Agence France-Presse

billion yuan (\$1.75 billion) to expand sviation facilities, including 22 new airports, along its booming east coast by the year 2000, the Chine Daily said Thursday.

The 24 existing airports will also be renovated and expanded, the paper said, in a hid to double the annual passenger volume to 20 million in a six-province region.

East China's rapid economic development has outstripped air-transport capacity, a senior avia-tion official, Yun Wenlong, was

quoted as saying.

Half of the funds will go to build an international airport in Shang-hai's new financial and trade zone in Pudong district. Other airports will be built in tourist and industrial centers in the provinces of Anhui, Fujian, Jiangsu, Jiangsi, Shan-

dong and Zhejiang.
With some 200 domestic routes and 18 international routes, east China last year handled about a quarter of the country's total air passenger and freight volume, with profits rising 150 percent to more than I billion yuan (\$175 million).

new models designed to compete in Bloomberg Business News the luxury market.

TOKYO — Japanese automakers, which once flooded the world Honda Motor Co. introduced its Acura model in 1986. By 1991, with no-frills economy cars, in-RELITING - China will invest 10 creasingly shifted exports to more nearly 41 percent of the 352,700 cars Honda exported to the United expensive models in 1992, the lead-States were Acuras. Nissan Motor Co. followed with

ing industry group said Thursday.

The number of vehicles Japan exports declined for the seventh its upscale Infiniti line, selling 44,387 last year, up from 34,890 in straight year in 1992. The Japan Automobile Manufacturers Asso-ciation said that vehicle exports last Then came Toyota Motor Corp. year fell 1.5 percent from 1991, but Japan's largest and most profitable the value of auto exports rose by carmaker, with its Lexus model.

Lexus sales hit 92,890 last year, up Under pressure from the United 30 percent from 71,206 in 1991. States, Japan has, since 1981, set a limit on the number of cars export-However, not all is well for Japan's carmakers. For one thing, a ed to America. Last year the limit more expensive yen has forced the was 1.65 million, and only 1.58 mil-Japanese manufacturers to increase hion were actually shipped.

But producers have raised profits Now comes a possible dumping by selling more expensive cars. The case brought by the Big Three U.S. result is "they shipped more Lex-automakers, who contend that automakers, who contend that uses, Infinitis and Acuras instead prices in Japan exceed prices charged for identical models in the of Toyotas, Nissans and Hondas, said Koji Endo, an analyst at S.G. Warburg Securities (Japan) Inc. Since the United States first ne-United States. The Big Three may file a complaint with the U.S. Commerce Department.

Miyazawa Warns on U.S.

TOKYO — Prime Minister Kiichi Miyazawa warned legislators on Thursday that the United States may adopt tougher economic

policies against Japan.

"When the administration changed, it could review old policies,"

Mr. Miyazawa said, adding he thought Washington "would throw
stronger demands to Japan." He was addressing the budget commit-

Japan announced last week that its trade surplus with the United States widened to \$43.67 billion in 1992 from \$38.22 billion, and its

overall trade surplus rose sharply to a record \$107.06 billion.

Japan's policy planners and businessmen have expressed fears that President Bill Clinton may press Tokyo harder on trade issues, including revival of the Super 301 trade retaliatory measure. In 1989.

the United States cited Japan under Super 301 for allegedly closed markets in supercomputers, wood products and satellites.

gotiated so-called voluntary export Another cloud on the horizon is restraints with Japan, Japan's ma-jor automakers have all unveiled record \$107 billion in 1992. restraints with Japan, Japan's ma-

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Australia's inflation rate fell to 0.3 percent in 1992, its lowest level since March 1963 and one of the lowest rates in the world.

Toshiba Corp. said it did not expect to realize its October forecast for parent-company pretax profit of 60 billion yen (\$484 million) for the year to March 31, because of weak domestic demand for products.

· Mitsubishi Electric Corp., citing the slow domestic economy, said it did not expect to achieve its previous forecast of parent-company pretax profit of 40 billion yen on revenue of 2.54 trillion for the year to March.

The Philippines plans to lease Camp John Hay, in Baguio, a former U.S. armed forces rest-and-recreation facility, to the private sector, preferably an international hotel chain, officials said in Manila. The resort includes a golf course, restaurants, cottages, a clubbouse and recreation center.

Thai Farmers Bank voted in Bangkok to reduce the par value of the bank's shares from 100 baht (\$3.93) to 10 baht, making it the fourth of Thailand's major commercial banks to approve a split.

NEC Corp. said it had received domestic orders for 103,000 units of the new low-priced models of its 98 series personal computer in the first week

AP, AFX, Bloomberg, AFP

Campbell Extends Hostile Bid to Buy Arnotts

SYDNEY — Campbell Soup Co. said Thursday that it was extending its hostile takeover bid for Arnotts Ltd., the bakery concern, by one week to Feb. 5 at an unchanged offer price of 9.50 Australian dollars (\$6.42) a share,

The offer, which values Arnotts at 1.3 billion Australian dollars (\$878 million), was due to expire Thursday. Campbell said it had acquired "more than 47 percent" of Arnotts shares by the close of business on Thursday but gave no precise figure.

The diversified U.S. soup company has now suffered two setbacks in its three-month takeover bid for

Amotts. Two weeks ago, Campbell was forced to raise its bid to 9.50 dollars a share when its original offer of 8.80 dollars drew no response.

Amotts said it believed many shareholders who accepted the offer had been misled by Campbell statements that the Thursday deadline was final. The company said it may ask the Australian Securities Commission to require Campbell to give shareholders the right to withdraw their acceptances.

Mr. Johnson said that the extension was the final deadline and that Campbell was confident of reaching its target of at least 50.1 percent of the shares. Amous said it remained confident that Campbell would fail.

Chinese Urged To Zip Their Lips

BELIING - Chinese managers must be more vigilant against Jeaking economic secrets to foreigners, and loose-lipped executives should be punished, the Legal Daily says.

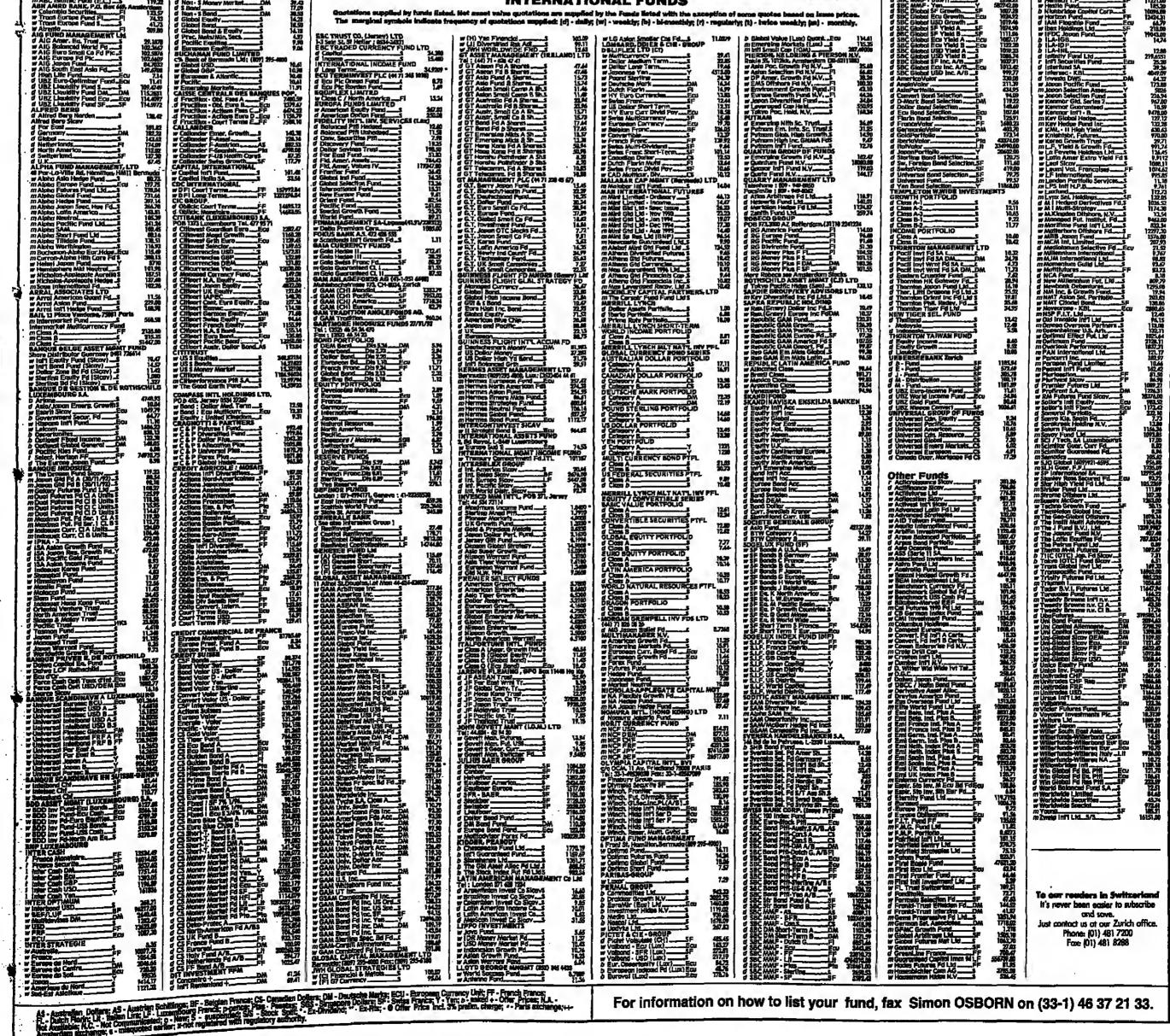
It did not suggest how China's secrecy laws, which already send leakers of political secrets to jail for long terms, could be strengthened

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tee of parliament's lower house.



SPORTS SIPER BOWN

Matching Up: The Long and the Short of It

By Thomas George New York Times Service

LOS ANGELES - Both Super Bowl teams have, in recent years, bucked a strong trend by choosing taller, rangier and stronger receivers instead of the Smurf-like ones who had begun to dominate the National Football League.

The Buffalo Bills start receivers James Lofton (6 feet, 3 inches and 190 pounds, or 190 centimeters and 86 kilograms) and Andre Reed (6-2, 190), who will challenge the Dallas Cowboys' cornerbacks Kevin Smith (5-11, 177) and Issiac Holt (6-2, 198) on Sunday.

Dallas receivers Michael Irvin (6-2, 199) and Alvin Harper (6-3, 207) will be met by the Bills' cornerbacks Nate Odomes (5-10, 188) and J.D. Williams (5-10, 178).

Except for Holt, none of the starting cornerbacks match up physically with any of the receivers, particularly in height. It is an edge both teams want to exploit.

As a result, a variety of lob passes, short and long and down the sidelines, can be expected in this Super Bowl. The taller receivers will play jump ball, especially against

By Richard Justice

Cowboys' quarterback, Troy Aik-

Bills' coaches of "a young John Elway." Others say his size and

strength bring Terry Bradshaw to mind. And this week, as he has

squired the actress Janine Turner

of the television series "Northern

Exposure" through some of his old

UCLA baunts and appeared in a video for country rockers Shenan-

doah, be has recalled the Super

But the Judge

Hates Football

The Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS - An In-

dianapolis man has flown off

to California, bound for the

Super Bowl, after asking his

lawyer to explain to a court

why he could not appear on

But Marion Superior Court

Judge Gary Miller rejected the

game as a reason to postpone a

court bearing.
"Had it been NCAA bas-

ketball playoffs, I might have

reconsidered my position, but

l am not a football fan."

He issued a \$100,000 re-ar-

rest warrant for Nathaniel

Brown, charged with the armed

robbery last May of \$27 from

an Indianapolis furniture store.

He was freed on \$11,000 bond.

lic defender, told the judge her

client called Tuesday to say he

wouldn't be able to make his

"For a publie defender cli-

ent to go to the Super Bowl is

probably quite unusual," she said, adding that the tickets were

final pretrial hearing.

Shelly M. Skwarcan, a pub-

robbery charges.

Miller said.

man reminds one of the Buffalo

LOS ANGELES — The Dallas

single coverage, and timing will be everything. Washington Redskins. "Lofton is a posses-"It's something we've done and we want sion-type guy and he can be tough inside the "It's something we've done and we want to continue to do," said Harper, who was a 20 on fade routes where they lob it and play high-jumper at the University of Tennessee. One of the best grabs of the season was his 38-yarder in the National Conference championship game, when be outleaped the San tt. 178) and came away with the ball and a other hand in my pocket, or a piece of his

"T've only been in the league for two years, but when I was drafted, the way was being paved for the bigger receivers back into the league," Harper said.

"The [New York] Jets drafted a bigger guy like Rob Moore. Michael Irvin was already in the league. The Detroit Lions went with a big guy like Herman Moore. We want to stretch the field and this is a good way to do it. We want to go deep at several points on

Lofton will primarily be covered by Smith. Lofton has a four-inch advantage in height and a 14-season edge in experience.

"James Lofton is a lot like Art Monk, who we played against twice this year," Smith said, referring to the longtime star of the

None of the comparisons mat- Os with noncommittal doublespeak.

time to simply be Troy Aikman of room to the other, this is the week Henryetta, Oklahoma. It's enough that the new Cowboys are intro-

to be arguably the best player on ducing themselves to the world and

football's best team, someone that the message they're sending is that

say will be the next great quarter-back, a guy who should keep the Dallas Cowboys in contention for

Irvin could garner more endorsements if the Cowboys defeat the Buffalo Bills on Sunday in Super

He arrived here having been elose to perfect in the NFC championship game, completing 24 of 34

prominent NFC coach. "But when and this Sunday has a chance to

From one side of their locker

they are relaxed, confident and

blitz and everyone said I was going to hate it," Aikman said. "I came

here expecting to be overwhelmed

with interviews and all. But I

He arrived here having been

pionship game, completing 24 of 34

passes for 322 yards and two touch-

downs. That performance against

the San Francisco 49ers set up Sun-

day's game against the Bills, which

he hopes will be the next defining

Quick, who's football's best quar-

Aikman is on all the short lists

terback? Marino? Elway? Aikman?

make the list even shorter. The sea-

son began with Aikman wanting to

show people be could stay healthy

for an entire campaign because that

seemed to be one of the few things

keeping him from greatness. Next

proved against the 49ers, but I did

higgest thing was that we went to

Candlestick Park and won a play-

off game. That gives everyone a

under some criticism for not stay-

ing healthy, but that wasn't a con-

cern of mine. It's just nice to be

able to finish what you've started."

Next is the matter of winning

"That's the way it is," he said. "I don't think it's fair. I think John

Elway, Jim Kelly and Dan Marino are three of the best ever to play the game. They haven't won a Super

Bowl. There's nothing you can do to change that thinking. That's the

"I don't know how much I

There hadn't been any doubt in

my mind about being able to lead a team to victory in a big game. The in a public position. Most of his

comes a championship.

play well," he said.

feeling of confidence.

moment of his four-year career.

haven't found it like that at all."

Dallas Quarterback Aikman:

Low-Key With a High Profile

ters much; not this week when it's

dozens of NFL scouts and coaches

Their coach, Jimmy Johnson,

may get more attention, running back Emmitt Smith may win more

awards and wide receiver Michael

But in a confidential and unsci-

entific survey of some of the NFL's

top talent hounds, it's Aikman who

is consistently mentioned as being

the key player on America's Team

he's a phenomenal talent," said one

you prepare for the Cowboys, it

begins with Aikman. He's easy to

take him for granted because

they're so talented that moving the

ball looks easy. But he's big and

strong, he's got an accurate arm

and he's got a leadership quality

Aikman, 26, arrived here this

week expecting the worst, that he'd

have to answer the same questions

a million times and that each time

he walked out of his hotel there

would be cameras and notebooks

shoved in his face. He must have

been convinced of that Sunday,

when he stepped off the team hus

and into a sea of fans and cameras.

He looked above him and saw the

actor Gene Hackman surveying the

scene. He was ushered into the first

of five straight days of interviews.

Beginning the fourth day of those interviews on Wednesday, he

seemed unbothered. Wearing run-

ning sboes and jeans, a can of Skoal

stuffed into his pocket, be handled

the press easily, answering ques-

tions about lifestyle with humor

and grace and those about Xs and

'I love Emmitt Smith I think

another decade.

Bowl XXVII.

off his height. But I've got fresh, younger legs. I have to use my speed to my advantage. If he goes down and catches one of those loh passes with one hand, then be's Francisco 49ers' cornerback Erie Davis, (5- made a hell of a catch, because I'll have the

> Jimmy Johnson became the Dallas coach in 1989 when the run-and-shoot offense was beginning to catch oo in the league. Three teams (Atlanta, Detroit and Houston) have used the run-and-shoot, a pass-oriented offense, as a base in recent seasons, and all NFL teams have incorporated facets of it.

> As the quicker, smaller receivers surfaced, so, too, did the quicker, smaller defensive

"I wanted a more flexible offense," Johnson said. "I wanted the option of the twoback or the power game with fullback and right ends. I didn't feel the run-and-shoot was flexible enough with what we wanted to

"We did find that with the size of our receivers, we were able to exploit some defenses. No doubt, that's been a big plus for

Hubbard Alexander, the Cowboys' receivers coach, said his team has a perfect complement of receivers: Irvin and Harper are the big guys and Kelvin Martin (5-9, 165) is the changeup, run-and-shoot type of guy. Buffalo has much the same, with Lofton and Reed flanked by speedy Don Beebe (5-11, 184).

"Not only do the bigger receivers have an advantage in height," said Huhbard, "but their size helps them break tackles. Irvin has bad a lot of plays this season where he ran over or pushed aside smaller corners. Both our bigger guys can do this, and it makes the run after the catch a big part of the game."

'Harper," said the Bills' cornerback Odomes, "may be the most dangerous guy with the lob pass on the field. Anybody with the kind of background he has in track, you have to give special concern and consideration. He doesn't only have the height and leaping ability. He's got the wheels,

Troy Aikman, talking with the Cowboys' coach, Jimmy Johnson.

way people are going to see it. man who was 0-11 as a starter his

When I'm done playing, the only rookie year. Dallas wound up 1-15.

to think that America's Team never

went anywhere. There's great satis-

faction among the players that

have been here since 1989. Really, 1

don't know if I'll be back to the

Super Bowl and I want to enjoy this

"I don't want to look hack and

say, 'Boy, I wish I'd enjoyed it.' I was talking to some of our veterans

before the Philadelphia game. I

told them we had to do something

for them while they were still play-

Dan Marino and how he probably

thought he'd be hack a bunch of

times. You don't know. It could be

our last time.

Then I got to thinking about

thing people are going to remember is wins and losses."

Friends say Aikman is pretty much what he appears to be. He's

family and several of his friends at

UCLA have moved to Dallas and

Aikman calls them "a nice network

to fall back on. I realize how short-

lived this thing is. I'll be ready to move on when it's over with."

Aikman arrived as Tom

Landry's gift to the Cowboys' new

regime. Landry's last team went 3-13 and the Cowboys had the first

pick in the 1989 draft when Jerry

Jones bought the team and fired its

Jones and Johnson made that

first pick Aikman. Johnson has

made 46 trades in overhauling the

Cowboys, but it began with Aik-

original coach.

The World Over, It Will Be a Super Night (or Morning)

For football fans outside the United States, Super Bowl Sunday will be more like Super Bowl Monday. The opening kickoff in Pasadena, California, is to take place at about 2318 GMT, which will make it a post-midnight start for most of continental Europe

and a bleary-eyed beginning to the week, In Asia, the game will go well with morning coffee, starting, for example, at 7 A.M. Monday in Hong

Despite the time difference, football fans around the world will be following the game as they do every year — on television and radio, at home and aboard Navy ships, at special Super Bowl parties in bars, restaurants and hotels.

From Moscow to Mogadishu, Birmingham to Bejin, they will have the chance to watch the spectacle between the Buffalo Bills and Dallas Cowboys. For some, it will be easier than others.

London, with its large American population and considerable NFL following, usually attracts a number of special Super Bowl gatherings.
This year, customers at the Rock Island Diner can

watch the game and snack on beer and hot dogs for 15 pounds (\$23), while the Hard Rock Cafe is hosting an exclusive party for 150 guests, organized by NFL Properties and the Channel 4 television station, which will broadcast the game live for an estimated audience

"We've been absolutely amazed by the amount of people who want to come," said Sally Silvester, pro-motions coordinator for NFL Properties. "This party is by invitation only for our licensees and sponsors, but we've had people coming out of the woodwork looking for tickets."

Parties are also planned at Casper's bar and restau-rant in the West End and Kenny's, a popular hangout for American ex-pats in the fashionable Hampstead neighborhood. For \$15, patrons there can watch the game and gorge themselves on hotdogs, hamburgers and other American fare. In Paris, more than half a dozen American restau-

rants will show the game by satellite on large screens and some will feature all-you-can-eat buffets. One restaurant, Chicago Meatpackers, is planning to bring in pompon girls to add to the atmosphere.

in Germany, bashes are planned in Frankfurt, Hamburg, Berlin and Düsseldorf. As many as 1,500 people are expected at the Music Hall in Frankfurt for a party sponsored by the Frankfurt Galaxy of the World League of American Football and Premier pay-TV. In Madrid, a Chicago-style pizzeria is offering the game oo a big screen and a buffet dinner for \$18.

In Moscow, Americans can watch live coverage via satellite at a party at the Radisson Slavyanskaya botel. The party is sponsored by an American beer company and a local Moscow radio station, with tickets going for \$15 apiece.

At the American Club on the 44th floor of an office tower in Hong Kong's business district, a sell-out crowd of 400 is expected for football and an American-style breakfast.

While the talk around the pubs in Sydney is more likely to be about a big weekend cricket match be-tween Australia and the West Indies, the Sheraton Airport hotel is having a "Superbowl Monday." Fans will drink at bargain prices and munch on hamburg-"I think our younger guys tend to forget what we've gone through," Aikman said, "They tend ers, pizza and other snacks starting at 10 A.M.

In Beijing, where the kickoff comes at 6:18 A.M., the American community will be glued to the tube at an expatriate bar near the diplomatic compounds.

Vince Casey, a spokesman for the National Foot-hall League, said the game will draw an estimated 750 million viewers in 100 countries, more than ever before. It will go live to 76 countries, including China for Only a handful of the more than 24,000 U.S. troops

of the various services, which have sophisticated satellite receivers - will be able to see the game live. The rest will have to settle for radio broadcasts or wait to

watch the game on tape.

The erews of five U.S. Navy ships in the Mediterranear — the USS Kennedy, Gettysburg, Leyte Gulf, Guam and Puget Sound — will be able to watch the game live through the telephone satellite system IN-MARSAT. The image, produced by converting telephone signals into television signals, appears as a choppy video on televisions on board the ships.

It's not a perfect live signal, but it's the elosest we

The TV Listings

The Super Bowl on Jan. 31 (Feb. 1 in Asia), is to start at 2318 GMT and, according to the National Football League and the networks involved, will be telecast live or on a delayed basis in the following countries: (All times below are local)

EUROPE Belgium: Canal Plus, live, midnight. Britain: Channel 4, live: pregame show starts at 10:35 P.M.

Denmark: TV3, live; midnight. France: Canal Plus, live, midnight Germany: Premiere, live, 12:15 A.M.; Sportskanal, taped, edited down to two hours and

shown Feb. 2 at 7:30 P.M. treland: Channet 4, live; pregame show starts at 10:35 P.M. italy: Telepiù, live, 11:45 P.M. Norway: TV3, live, midnight.

Spain: Canal Plus, five, midnight. Sweden: TV3, live, midnight.

Sweden: TV3, live, midnight.

In Europe, the game, edited down to two hours, witt be re-broadcast on Tuesday, Feb.

2, at 1830 GMT by the cable network Screen-

sport in the totlowing countries:
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Republic, Denmark, Finland, France, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Luxembourg, Netherlanda, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Slovakia, Slovakia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland and

Australia: ABC, live, 10 A.M. (Sydney time). China: Oriental TV, Tienjen TV, Shenchen TV,

Liao Ling TV, live.
Hong Kong: TVB, live, 7:30 A.M.
Indonesia: RCTI, check local listings.
Japan: NTV, live, 8 A.M.; DBS Channel Cne, taped, from 7-10 P.M. Monday, Feb. 1. Malevsia: Radio TV Malaysia, check local list-

New Zealand: Sky Media, five, noon. Singapore: SBC, live, 7 A.M. Talwan: Videoland, check local listings.

in addition, the game can be seen live in the following countries on the ESPN international satellite network:

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India, Indonesia, Israel, Jamaica, Malaysia, Martinique, Montserrat, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Pakistan, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Saba, Saudia Arabia, Singapore, South Africa, St. Barts, St. Kitts, St. Lucia, St. Martin, St. Vincent, Surinam, Thailand, Trinidad, Uruguay and Vene-

The Armed Forces Network television channel, based in Frankfurt, will broadcast the game live. AFN can be seen in hotels in some major cities that are within the range of AFN transmission towers.

In Belgium, AFN television can be received in the Brussels area but only on NTSC multisystem television sets. In Italy, AFN is available on multisystem sets. AFN television programs in Britain are carried on closed circuit.

The Far East Network will broadcast the game live In Japan, but only on U.S. military bases. In Japan, FEN broadcasts are on closed circuit at these bases.

The Far East Network in Korea will broadcast the game live and is available at most hotels in Seoul.

can set." said Lieutenant Greg Smith, a spokesman for the 6th Fleet in Gaeta, Italy. "It's certainly better than nothing."

Then there is Bob Payton, a restaurateur who has opened a string of establishments in London. He said he's not organizing any festivities because of the later hour of the game and restrictive licensing laws.

"It's just too late all the time," he said. "Why not just he in bed and watch it on TV? I think the

Americans will buy all the popcorn in London and sit around as long as they can suck it out." But Payton has another solution: He's flying to Pasadena to watch the game in person. (AP. Reuters)

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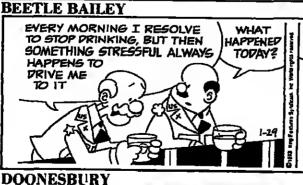
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Seles Breezes Past Sabatini, Graf Outduels Sánchez Vicario



Gabriela Sabatini, left, got an ill feeling during her semifinal drubbing by Monica Seles, while Steffi Graf, right, had a more puzzling time against Arantxa Sánchez-Vicario.

Victories Set Up a 10th Showdown

By Christopher Clarey International Herald Tribune

MELBOURNE - Monica Seles leaned toward the microphone on the Stadium Court and attempted to be kind, "It was a very close match," she told the fans who had paid the equivalent of \$34 each to watch Thursday's women's semifinals of the Australian Open.

A ripple went through the crowd: half sur-prise, half amusement. Seles had just fibbed. Her 6-1, 6-2 victory over Gabriela Sabatini was anything but close. Seles, the top seed and two-time defending champion here, was in complete control from the second game, when she broke the weak-serving Argentine with a typically ferocious forehand down the line.

During the course of the 53-minute tennis lesson, the only thing Seles didn't do better than Sabatini was hit overheads, flubbing the only two she tried.

Otherwise, she applied relentless pressure with her left-handed serve, two-fisted ground-strokes and returns. She arguably even covered the court better than the usually fleet Sabatini, who declared berself "very weak and very tired" because of her late-finishing quarterfinal victory over Mary Pierce.
"I think have a virus," Sabatini said.

Even without a virus, the third-seeded Sabatini would have had great difficulty keeping Seles out of her eighth straight Grand Slam final. Her opponent will be No. 2 seeded Steffi Graf, who defeated Arantxa Sánchez-Vicario in

a semifinal that actually was close, 7-5, 6-4.

"I think it's going to be a great opportunity to play the best woman in the world," Graf said.
"I think it's going to be special."

The meeting will be the 10th between Graf, who ruled the women's game in the late 1980s, and Seles, who has seized power in the '90s. Graf leads the series, 6-3, and has won three of their last four matches, including the Wimble-don final in 1992. But though Graf won in England, it is Seles — the Yugoslav-born resi-dent of Sarasota, Florida — who has won six of the last eight Grand Slam tournaments.

"Monica's best thing is her mind," Sabatini said. "That's why she's the best. She's so focused. She plays her best on each point."

Graf was at less than her best against San-chez-Vicario, the scrambler extraordinaire who already had knocked Graf out of two French Opens and one U.S. Open. The Spaniard opened the match in fine form, keeping her groundstrokes deep and willing her way to the net on a regular basis. She led by 4-2 in the first set and and had two break points on Graf's serve in the seventh game, but the athletic German saved them both. When Sanchez-Vicario served for the set at 5-4. Graf broke her at love and proceeded to win the next two games.

"She really played well in the first set." Graf said. "There was very little I could do at the

Graf had to scramble again late in the second set. She served for the match at 5-3, then double-faulted on break point. But Sanchez-Vicario returned the favor on her own serve in the oext game, making three unforced ground-stroke errors to end the match with a whimper.

"I was sort of O.K. today," Graf said. "Not extraordinary, nothing special. But when it was important, I played well." Though Sanchez-Vicario lost, she will benefit

from her Australian sojourn by moving up to third in the world rankings. She will displace Sabatini, who despite her improved volleying and thrilling comeback against Pierce, looks increasingly unlikely to break into the top two.

The primary problem remains her service motion, which demands enormous energy but produces very little pace.

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WBC Says Lewis Will Fight Tucker MEXICO CITY (Renters) — The WBC said that Lemox Lewis of

Britain, its world heavyweight champion, had agreed to make his first defense against Tony Tucker of the United States, the No. 1 challenger. Lewis, 22-0, had asked to make a voluntary defense of his crown against another fighter before facing Tucker.

Lewis became the WBC champion — and Britain's first heavyweight champion this century — last month after the WBC stripped the fitle from Riddick Bowe of the United States.

Strauss's Drug Ban Appeal Denied

LAUSANNE (Renters) — The International Swimming Federation said Thursday that it had turned down an appeal of the 18-month ban imposed on former world champion Astrid Strauss of Germany.

FINA increased the ban to 18 months in December after the German swimming federation had earlier struck a deal with the swimmer to limit the suspension to six months. The Germans have threatened to sue FINA

if the appeal was oot granted.

• The appeal by double world sprint champion Katrin Krabbe of a four-year ban for drug use has been put back another month, to March, the German athletics federation said Thursday.

For the Record

one-stroke lead over Russel Craydon of England after the first round of the Desert Classic in Dubai.

Akebono, the Hawaiian sumo wrestler, learned quickly that being number ooe in Japan's national sport is not all roses; Naked but for his ceremonial loin-cloth, be went through his promotion rites at Tokyo's Meiji Shrine during a snowstorm. (Reuters)

The San Antonio Texans, one of two teams that were to join the

Canadian Football League this year, shocked the league by saying they had put a "freeze" on such plaus until 1994. (AP)
Torumy Soderstrom, the NHL Philadelphia Flyers' goaltender, was

cleared to begin playing this weekend after a fourth operation to correct an abnormality in his heart. He is be re-examined in about a month. (AP)

Brian Leetch, the top defensemen in the NHL last season, will be lost to the New York Rangers for at least six weeks with neck and shoulder injuries.

Criminal charges won't be sought against six players for the Portland Trail Blazers who allegedly had an sex party with two 16-year-old girls because the girls had said they were 18. Salt Lake City police said. (AP)

Morning Glory, the German-owned boat with a crew of Germans,
Americans and South Africans, was the handicapped winner of the Rothman's Cape to Rio Yacht Race.

Spurs Dump SuperSonics, Streak at 10

The Associated Press

Even the San Antonio Spurs were impressed with the way they ran their franchise-record winning streak to 10.

"This validates how good of a team we are," David Robinson said after the Seattle SuperSonics were handed their first defeat in 16 games at the Seattle Coliseum, by the score of 119-99 on Wednesday night

"It was tremendous to stick it to them on their home court," said J. R. Reid, who scored a season-high 24 points, "We're a team to be reckoned with."

Robinson, despite missing 8 of 9

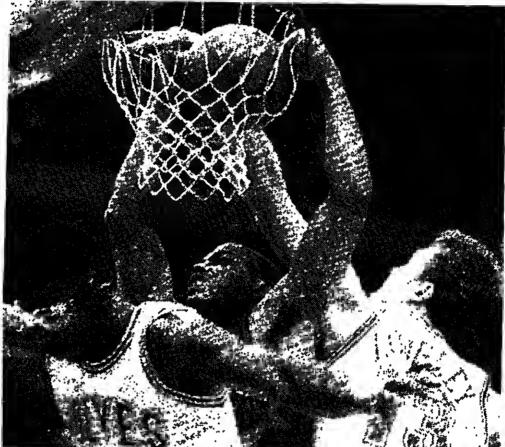
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shots in the first half, finished with 17 points, 15 rebounds and seven blocked shots as the Spurs improved to 15-2 under their new coach, John Lucas. And with Utah's 107-97 loss to the Los Angeles Clip-pers, San Antonio moved into first place in the Midwest Division.

Suns 117, Timberwolves 116: In Minneapolis, Phoenix came within an cyclash of losing its first game to Minnesota before Danny Ainge scored on a rebound with 0.7 seconds left in overtime.

Chuck Person missed a 20-footer at the buzzer as the Timberwolves blew a 21-point lead to lose for the 22d time in 25 games since Novem-

Charles Barkley had 35 points 19th loss in 21 road games.



Charles Barkley, fouled on a dunk by the Timberwolves' Luc Longely, got 35 points as the Suns won.

and a season-high 24 rebounds for

the Sons, who have the NBA's best

record of 29-8. Warriors 123, Nuggets 95: Sar-unas Marchillonis scored 18 of his 21 points in the second quarter as Golden State handed Denver its

formance by Karl Malone.

Clippers 107, Jazz 97: Danny tiebreaking free throws with 2.6 Manning scored 12 of his 25 points seconds left in overtime, giving Inin the fourth quarter as Los Angeles won at home against Utah despite a 38-point, 16-rebound per-lotte, North Carolina, rookie Alouzo

Mourning scored all of his 23 points Pacers 127, 76ers 125: Detlef in the second half, keeping Char-Schrempf scored 31 points, two on lotte in control against Sacramento.

20-Point Comeback For North Carolina

The Associated Press

It was a vintage Carolina come-Trailing by 20 points with 91/2

Wednesday night at Chapel Hill. George Lynch capped the comeback with a steal and dunk that put road losing streak in the Southeastthe University of North Carolina ern Conference.

ahead with 1:41 remaining. "In the second half our defense was more aggressive," said Lynch, who had 14 points, 10 rebounds and seven steals. "We had to apply nine of 33 shots in the first half, more pressure and make them turn

the ball over." in the second half, including five in

the last eight minutes. "We got tentative in the second half when they started trapping us," said the Florida State guard Bob Sura. "We felt like we had a big enough lead to win the game,

which we didn't, but it seemed like they were making every shot." North Carolina won its ninth in a row and snapped Florida State's five-game winning streak in the At-lantic Coast Conference.

"We showed what type of team we are in the first half," said Sura,

who scored 15 points. "We showed we can play with anybody." Donald Williams scored 17 of his

19 points in the second half as North Carolina (17-1, 6-0) beat Florida State (13-6, 5-2) and held onto first place in the ACC.

No. 2 Indiana 61, Minuesota 57: Damon Bailey scored 17 points, including a pivotal three-point play, as Indiana (18-2, 7-0 Big Ten) extended its home winning streak

to 26 games.

Trailing by 58-57, the Gophers had a chance to take the last shot. But Arriel McDonald was called for a five-second violation with 13

seconds to play.

Minnesota (11-5, 3-4) led the entire game until Bailey's three-point play with 4:14 remaining put the Hoosiers ahead 56-55.

No. 6 Cincinnati 78, Xavier, Okio 67: Nick Van Exel scored 15 points half run at Cincinnati that helped in overtime. the Badgers win their 11th in a row.

No. 18 Georgia Tech 85, N.C.

Van Exel, benched for the first

State 74: James Forrest scored 24

7½ minutes in a disciplinary move, hit a pair of 3-pointers to complete a 16-2 run that gave Cincinnati (14-1) a 38-31 halftime lead.

Jamie Gladden led Xavier (12-3) with 25 points and tied his school record with seven 3-pointers. No. 21 Georgetown 73, No. 9 Seton Hall 62: The outside shoot-

ing of reserves Kevin Millen and Eric Micoud sparked a first-half surge that carried Georgetown to

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gave them a 38-22 lead late in the first half. Micoud led Georgetown with 15 points, while Terry Dehere minotes left, the third-ranked Tar had 16 for Seton Hall (15-4, 5-2). Heels staged a remarkable rally to beat No. 19 Florida State 82-77 65: Reserve Frank Seckar scored 18

took command with a 23-5 run that

points, including four 3-pointers, as Vanderbilt ended a 13-game Ronnie McMahan added 17

points for Vanderbilt (15-3, 5-1). Corey Allen had 18 points for Ten-oessee (9-8, 1-5), which made only

Syracuse 95, No. 13 Pittsburgh the ball over."

79: Adrian Autry scored 31 points
and Lawrence Moten had 25 as

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Syracuse used a late 18-2 run to snap the Panthers' four-game win-

ning streak at Pittsburgh. Syracuse (11-5, 3-5 Big East) turned a 64-63 deficit into an 81-66 lead during a five-minute run highlighted by the Orangemen's hot

outside shooting.
Syracuse made 9 of 17 from 3point range, including 6 of 7 by

Autry.
Wake Forest 75, No. 15 Virginia
73: Randolph Childress scored 19
points as Wake Forest, playing at

Charlottesville, handed Virginia its third loss in Iour games.
Wake Forest (12-3, 4-2 ACC)

won its fourth consecutive league game for the first time since 1984. The Demon Deacons made just one field goal in the final eight mioutes, but clutch free-throw shooting helped them win at Vir-ginia (12-3, 4-3) for only the second

ime since 1977. Mississippi St. 80, No. 16 Arkan-sas 76: Mississippi State Ireshman Vandale Thomas scored all seven of his points in overtime as the

Bulldogs handed visiting Arkansas its third consecutive loss. Arkansas (12-4, 3-3 SEC) lcd by as many as 14 points early, but ended up with its longest losing

streak since 1985-86. Chuck Evans had 21 points and 14 rebounds for State (11-7, 3-4)

and polished off a decisive first- and was 8-for-8 from the foul line

points and the starters for Georgia Tech (11-4, 4-2 ACC) shot 79 percent from the field.

The Jackets, playing at home, led by 36 points before North Carolina State (4-10, 0-6) went on a 31-6 run to make the final margin respect-

No. 20 Oklahoma 146, Florida A&M 65: Jeff Webster scored 32 points and Angelo Hamilton had 26 as Oklahoma (13-5) routed the visiting Rattlers (3-13), who com-

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MEN'S DOUBLES, SEMIFIKALS Danie Vistor, South Africa, and Lourie Vorder (10), Australia, del, John-Laffnie De Josef and Marcos Ondrustos, South Africa, 6-3.3-4.6-3. 6-4; John Pitaseroid, Australia, ond Anders Jarryd (4), Sweden, def. Mark Krutz-mann and Wolfy Masur (2), Australia, 7-6 (7-

WOMEN'S DOUBLES, QUARTERFINALS Gipl Fernandez, U.S., and Natalia Zverevo 11), Belarus, def. Lari McNelt, U.S., and Rennce Stubbs (5), Australia, 6-3, 6-1; Pan: Shriver, U.S., and Elizabeth Smytle (18), Australia, det. Lartsa Nefland, Latvia, and Ja Novetno (2), Czech Republic, 6-3, 6-3. MIXED DOUBLES QUARTERFINALS

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FIFA-IOC Deal Will Open Olympics to Soccer's Stars

ZURICH — FIFA has reached an agreement with the Interna-tional Olympic Committee over eligibility for the Summer Games and is considering rules changes involving the value of a World Cup victory, a spokesman said Thursday.

FIFA's press officer, Guido Tognoni, said the deal with the the IOC will keep the under-23 age limit for the Games but allow each team three "wild card" roster additions without restriction. The change, which still must be approved by the executive

committee at its next meeting in June, would enable previously ineligible but big-time draws such as Holland's Marco van Basten, England's Paul Gascoigne and Argentina's Diego Maradona to compete in the Olympics. If approved by the executive committee, it would then have to be

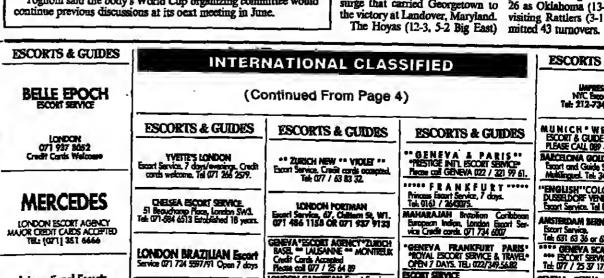
endorsed by the General Assembly in 1994. And in a move to fend off criticism stemming from the 1990 World Cup, Tognoni said FIFA will discuss the awarding of three points for a World Cup victory instead of the customary two, encouraging teams to try to win instead of play for the draw — which awards one

Tognoni said the body's World Cup organizing committee would

continue previous discussions at its oext meeting in June.

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In Tribal Solitude

By Russell Baker N EW YORK — Diversity: I am a Buropean-American. I am a male European-Ameri-

I am a Depression-generation, male European-American.

pression-generation, male European-American. I am a college-educated, hearingimpaired, Depression-generation,

male European-American. Because I have not lost significant amounts of hair I am a combcarrying, college-educated, hearingimpaired. Depression-generation,

male European-American. I am a heterosexual, comb-carrying, college-educated, hearing-impaired. Depression-generation, male Enropean-American.

Because I am married I am not a single, heterosexual, comb-carrying, college-educated, hearing-impaired, Depression-generation, male European-American, and therefore I do not go to singles bars.

Instead, I am a married, beternsexual, comb-carrying collegeeducated, hearing-impaired, Depression-generation, male European-American, and go to doubles bars in which homosexual. bald, educationally disadvantaged, hearing-advantaged, pre- as well as post-Depression-generation, male Enropean-Americans, Asian-Americans, African-Americans, Antarctic-Americans, Native Americans, Australian-Americans and Pacific-Island Americans, though not unwelcome, are made to feel peculiar.

Being unable to understand the vocalists who sing rock music, I am a square, married, heterosexual, comb-carrying, college-educated, hearing-impaired, Depression-generation, male European-American.

Though I am not resident below the official government poverty line, when pondering David Letterman's \$14 million salary and the \$1 million salary of the average journeyman baseball player, I realize that I am a comparatively finan-cially disadvantaged, square, married, heterosexual, comb-carrying, college-educated, hearing-impaired, Depression-generation, male European-American.

Politically, I am not kind and

generous enough to be a liberal nor heartless and right-fisted enough to be a conservative nor dull enough I insist! — to be a moderate. Therefore, the only doubles bars I frequent are those for politically unpredictable, comparatively financially disadvantaged, square, I am a hearing-impaired, Demarried, heterosexual, comb-carrying, college-educated, hearing-im-

> male European-Americans. I am married to a Celtic-American of the female gender. Don't try telling Celt jokes around me. I am a Celt-sensitive, politically unpredictable, comparatively financially disadvantaged, square, married, heterosexual, comb-carrying, col-lege-educated, hearing-impaired,

paired, Depression-generation,

Depression-generation, male European-American. I no longer twit this Celtic-American helpment about being of the female gender, as I did in the old days when I was a gender-twit-ting, though already Celt-sensitive, politically unpredictable, comparatively financially disadvantaged, square, married, heterosexual, comb-carrying, college-educated, hearing-impaired, Depression-gen-

eration, male European-American. When once too often I said that I yearned for the era when Iemales had sex instead of gender, a number of representatives of that splendid gender urged me to give up my swinish male-gender chauvinism and free my mind of outmoded male-female stereotypes.
This was sound advice. I am now

a genderly enlightened, Celt-sensi-tive, politically unpredictable, comparatively financially disadvantaged, square, married, heterosexual, comb-carrying, collegeeducated, hearing-impaired. Depression-generation, male European-American. In short, a gender-

twitter no more.

The Celtic-American of female gender to whom I am married is a high school dropout and, therefore, not unwelcome, but made to feel peculiar in doubles bars for genderly enlightened, Celt-sensitive, politically impredictable, comparatively financially disadvantaged, square, married, heterosexual, comb-carrying, college-educated, hearing-impaired, Depression-generation, male European-Americans.

In short, we stay home a lot, New York Times Service

Lionel Hampton: 'Gates' and His Main Man

By Mike Zwerin

PARIS — Recording with Louis Armstrong in 1930, the man who billed himself as "the world's fastest drummer" started to play the new-fangled electric xylophone he found in a corner of the studio. It was the world's first jazz vibraphone solo.

Lionel Hampton's generation of performers liked to describe themselves as the fastest, the most, the highest, the first. Now, alas, they are mostly the last. Born in 1909, he is one of the last survivors of those who can be said to have invented the music as we know it. He grew famous as a member of the Benny Goodman quartet, with Teddy Wilson and Gene Krupa, one of the first racially integrated jazz bands. With Benny's hlessings, he went out on his own in the 1940s. Dexter Gordon, Illinois Jacquet, Wes Montgomery, Clark Terry, Charles Mingus, Dinah Washington and Quincy Jones all started their careers with him. His was the first jazz band to use electric bass and electric

Like Lester Young with "Pres," Hampton calls every-body "Gates" and is called Gates in return. Gates took great pride in having the most desire, swing and endurance of anybody on the bandstand. Lionel Hampton playing 25 choruses of "Flyin' Home," his horns burning behind him, was happiness personified. The joke went: "How do you get Gates to stop blowing?" "Fly him home."

His official hio proclaims him to be an "influential member" of the Republican Party. "He became interested in politics during the Eisenhower era and has since sup-

in politics during the Eisenhower era and has since supported and become close personal friends with every Republican president." Richard Nixon once joked that be would rather play piano on the road with Lionel Hampton than be in the White House. He "helped John Lindsay become mayor of New York" and was "active in the various gubernatorial campaigns of Nelson Rockefeller, who was a "close personal friend." Ronald Reagan "conducted a jazz salute" to him on the White House lawn. (He was a Reagan delegate at the 1980 convention.) In a Parisian hospital last May recovering from a stroke, he received a telephone call from George Bush, who, according to his personal manager, Bill Titone, said: "Come on Lionel, get up out of bed. We need you."

Insisting that he was not exploited as a token, Hampton points out that as a friend of highly placed Republicans he was able to "unblock" federal funds for two subsidized housing projects in Harlem and one in New Jersey (all with Hampton in their names): "The Democrats just use hlacks to get our vote. But when the time comes to compensate, they forget all about us."

He drops names and credits with unabashed pride. The Lionel Hampton School of Music of the University of Idaho is the first white music school named for a black man. Last year he was awarded one of six lifetime achievement honors by the Kennedy Center in Washington along with Joanne Woodward, Paul Newman, Ginger Rogers, Paul Taylor and Mstislav Rostropovich. He worked 19 dates in eight countries during the month of November with the Golden Men of Jazz, an all-star lineup of elders, including Harry (Sweets) Edison, Milt Hinton

His hig band, the longest established orchestra in jazz history, recently worked the club named for him (the cocktails are also named for him) in the Porte Maillot Meridien Hotel in Paris. All eyes were on him at the end of the set as, slower than andante, he slipped one foot in



Lional Hampton, on stage and with his manager, Bill Titone: Thirty-two years on a handshake.

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front of the other moving from the vibes to the leader's stage-front drum kit for his franchise finale. The world's fastest drummer once literally danced along the same route. That was entertainment, this was drama. The stroke has left him partially paralyzed, and peripheral vision is impaired. Audience and band alike were hypnotized. We were witnessing a heroic triumph of human will. There was oot much energy left when he settled on the stool behind the bass drum. But above all, first, last, and, one gets the impression, always, he's still up there doing it.

He assumes an assortment of roles - minority spokes man, political wheeler-dealer, musical trailhlazer, crowdser, fund-raiser, yesterday's war-horse, today's keeper of the flame, PR man, preacher. But he's more than an actor. He is, in fact, always probing to find out what role you are playing. Gates still has that old gleam in his eye.
"Isn't be amazing?" said Bill Titone, looking at his client with love and pride. It's been a fast 32 years."

Thirty-two years ago, Titone was helping run Apollo Records, a house Mahalia Jackson built. When Mahalia signed with CBS, Apollo lost its prime asset. The owner ld the label and purchased Cash Box, a trade magazine "Bill," be said, "you're a good salesman. You can sell ads to the record companies." That was not exactly what Titone wanted to do with his life. When Mahalia told him that Gladys and Lionel Hampton were looking for somebody to manage their small record label, he drove to Washington, talked to them in their hotel suite and shook hands on a deal that to this day is based solely on a

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Titone has hired musicians (Wynton Marsalis) and fired them (Branford Marsalis). It was Titone who called Gates, who was on the road as usual, to tell him that Gladys had died. Gladys and Lionel were very close. Titone's wife, Cappy, found Gates a fancy bachelor's pad in a luxury high-rise near Lincoln Center, decorated it and hired a

Rarely not by his side, Bill was in a position to jump mmediately to his aid after the stroke, which was on a handstand of course, and arrange for the best surgeons and hospital care.

The Titones would like to spend more time in their Vermont house. Bill thinks it would benefit Hampton's health to work less. But he knew it was true when Clark Terry told him: "Bill, you can't let Gates retire, If he stops playing music, he's dead. Titone says: "Lionel is clinging to that wonderful unreality of the road; just like Duke Ellington, Count Basic and Woody Herman. He lost his wife, his musicians are his children."

I ask Gates what keeps him going.

"Faith," he replied. "I have faith in what I'm doing-Music gives me faith. I always put God in the music. I pay tribute to God and ask for deliverance every day. My grandmother used to read me the Bible. I still read the Bible. I still follow the principles my grandmother taught me. I pray to the man upstairs. I ask him for guidance, for musical ideas, to belp me play better. He's the main man. He always comes to my rescue. How about you? What keeps you going?"

PEOPLE

Ice-T and Warner Bros. Split Up Over Cop Rap

Warner Bros. Records and the rapper Ice-T have parted company because of "creative differences." Warners said the decision was mutual. The company took the heat for his "Cop Killer" song, which caused national uproar last year with lyrics like these: "I'm bout to dust some cops off. . . . Die, die, die, pig, die."

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Even though former Vice President Dan Quayle let his Indiana driver's license lapse, be held on to his permit from Virginia --- where he lived when he was a senator. He has acmaily driven a car since he left office he said and does plan to renew his Indiana license soon. In the meantime, he's housesitting in Maryland, after residing in the District of Columbia for four years.

Princess Diana, who is said to have waged a long battle with bulimia, seems to be enjoying a healthier relationship with food new that she's separated from Prince Charles. Several newspapers, publishing photographs of the bikini-clad princess on a post-Christmas holiday in the Caribbean with her two sons, pointed out that Di was no longer so painfully thin. And on Wednesday, she picked up a slice of cake while touring a bakery.

Bent Stiansen of Norway won the prestigious Golden Bocuse in Lyon in competition with 22 cooks from around the world. The 30year-old chef received \$15,000 with the award, named after the French chef Paul Bocuse.

Julia Child urged President Bill Clinton to hire an American chef. The kitchen guru, who has lectured generations of Americans about cooking and appreciating good food for 30 years on public television, aligned herself with Alice Waters and a number of other prominent chefs who have petitioned the fast-food president to install a chef who would promote American cui-

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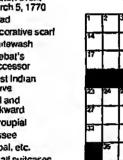
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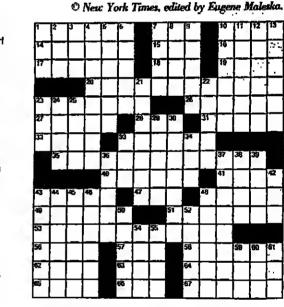
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KITCHEN

By Banana Yoshimoto. Translated by Megan Backus. 152 pages. \$14.95. Grove Press.

Reviewed by Michiko Kakutani

WHEN "Kitcheo" first ap-peared in Japan in 1988, it brought its young author instant fame and acclaim. The novella won the prestigious Kaien magazine New Writer Prize, and during a year's stay on the best-seller lists it sold nearly 2 million copies. Banana Yoshimoto, the improb-

ably named 24-year-old former vaitress who is its author, became a household name.

As impeccably translated by Megan Backus, "Kitchen" might easi-

story is set in Japan are the characters' names and all the mentions of arcane Japanese foods. Many of the characters' references — to the Peanuts cartoon strip, to Silverstone frying pans and to the sitcom "Bewitched" - are decidedly American, as is their penchant for ogging and Kentucky Fried Chick-

Yoshimoto's writing is lucid, earnest and disarming, as emotionally observant as Jane Smiley's, as fluently readable as Anne Tyler's.
The story Yoshimoto tells is at

once familiar and bizarre. Her narrator, a college student named Mikage Sakurai, is an orphan who has been brought up by her grandmoth-er. When her grandmother abruptly dies. Mikage is left alone in the world and sinks into a spiraling depression. She is rescued by one of

man hy the name of Yuichi Tanabe. Yuichi invites Mikage to come live with him and his mother, and though she barely knows him, Mikage readily agrees. She doesn't want to be alone anymore, and she feels strangely comfortable with distant young man. There's something about the kitchen in the apartment he shares with his mother that makes her feel at home.

Yuichi's beautiful mother, Eriko. runs a nightcluh and seems to spend her earnings on appliances: computers and kitchen gadgets. hright shiny things that save time and aggravation. It's not long before Mikage learns that Eriko is not really Yuichi's mother, she's his father, or was, anyway, before hav-

ing surgery to become a woman.

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scends. Perhaps Eriko's was only a minor kind of greatness, but her light was sorely missed." ing surgery to become a woman.

story: The only giveaways that the her grandmother's friends, a young to do with Yoshimoto's story, a story that turns out not to be a whimsical comedy of manners but an oddly lyrical tale about loss and grief and familial love. Indeed, when Eriko is suddenly

killed, Mikage must not only relive the sense of loss she suffered when her grandmother died hut must also try to help Yuichi come to terms with his pain. In relating this story. Yoshimoto

occasionally allows her narrator to meditate at length about suffering and death, and these interludes have a way of growing maudlin. "Truly great people emit a light that warms the hearts of those

around them," Mikage says.
"When that light has been put out, a heavy shadow of despair de-

Fortunately, such passages By Alan Truscott relatively rare, and they're offset by Yoshimoto's wit, clarity of observation and firm control of her story.

She has a wonderful tactile ability to convey a mood or a sensation through her descriptions of light and sound and touch, as well as an effortless ability to penetrate her characters' hearts. There is a pleasing directness to her writing, and while this sincerity can occasionally result in sentimentality, it more often than not seizes hold of the reader's sym-

pathy and refuses to let go.
"Moonlight Shadow," the other novella in this book, was Yoshimoto's first published story and seems to have been a kind of precursor to or study for the more fully devel-

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BRIDGE

HE gods of the game are fickle, and virtue is not always ewarded. That is the moral of the were three chances. diagramed deal, played a week ago in the one-day Swiss Team Championship at the conclusion of the

Zucker of North Tarrytown, N. Y., and Rose Johnson of Ossining. N.Y., who with two rounds remaining were leading the event teamed with Laura Brill and Rick Goldstein, both of White Plains. In the style used by many tournament players, the three-oo-trump response to one spade showed a preemptive raise to four spades with some defensive strength. When North later admitted to possession of the heart ace. South took a reasociable shot at six spades. She

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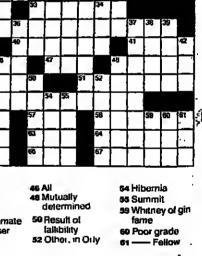
Sitting North-South were Rick

judged that the slam would depend at worst on the club finesse and might be better. It was much better, for there

She took the heart king, cashed the spade ace and led to the heart ace. She then ruffed a heart, cashed the diamond ace and ruffed a diamood. Another heart was ruffed. depriving West of a possible exit

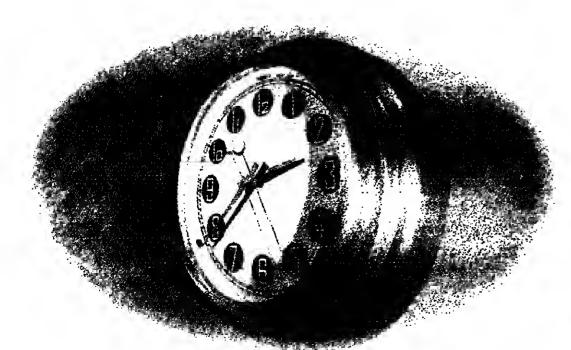
card, and a trump was led. Now a club lead forced South to finesse, and that final chance also failed. She had played skillfully, hut had gone down in a 70 percent slam, no doubt cursing the fates. Since the rival North-South rested timidly io four spades, her team lost 13 imps and with them the match.

They fell out of the lead but the



war was not lost: they charged back with a last-round victory and took the title.

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